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**Note to the President of Coreper and the Secretaries-General of the Council and the Commission**

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**Subject** : Amended proposal for the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2021-2027

Union Syndicale has noted the amended proposal on the MFF 2021-2027 [8138/20 + ADD 1] which the Secretary-General of the Commission has sent to his counterpart at the Council.

We should like a few clarifications regarding the proposals under Heading VII, which specifically concerns the staff of the European civil service.

1. We note that the Commission is proposing a reduction in appropriations for 2025. What considerations have led the Commission to make this proposal, which is quite unexpected?
2. We note that despite proposing an ambitious recovery plan, the Commission has reduced the proposed amount under Heading VII by EUR 1 billion compared to its initial proposal (which had been extrapolated on the basis of the current situation, while taking into account the increasing and structural savings made through measures taken between 2011 and 2014).

Do the Commission and the Council seriously believe that the European civil service is capable of carrying out its constantly increasing tasks with even lower budgets?

3. As early as 2018, Commissioner Oettinger acknowledged that the situation was unsustainable, given that a disproportionate section of the staff was on time-limited contracts. Where are the budget appropriations that will enable the Commission and the Council to reverse that trend by transforming temporary jobs into permanent ones?

The Executive Committee  
**Union Syndicale Council**