

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2020/2136**of 14 December 2020****adopting the Council's position on the second draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2021**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 314(3) thereof, in conjunction with the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community and in particular Article 106a thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) On 10 December 2020, the Commission submitted a proposal containing the second draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2021 ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) The Council examined the Commission proposal with a view to defining a position consistent, on the revenue side, with Council Decision 2014/335/EU, Euratom of 26 May 2014 on the system of own resources of the European Union ⁽²⁾, and, on the expenditure side, with the contents of the agreement in principle reached on 10 November 2020 on the multiannual financial framework 2021-2027.
- (3) Given the need to adopt a Council position on the second draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2021 as soon as possible with a view to a budget being definitively adopted before the beginning of the financial year 2021, thus ensuring the continuity of the Union's action, it is justified to shorten, in accordance with Article 3(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, the eight-week period for the information of National Parliaments laid down in Article 4 of Protocol No 1,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The Council's position on the second draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2021 was adopted by the Council on 14 December 2020.

The full text can be accessed for consultation or downloading on the Council's website: <http://www.consilium.europa.eu/>

Done at Brussels, 14 December 2020.

*For the Council**The President*

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⁽¹⁾ COM(2020) 839 final.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 168, 7.6.2014, p. 39.