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| From: | General Secretariat of the Council |
| To: | Delegations |
| Subject: | Submission by Finland for formal approval by the Council of draft design for a 2 euro commemorative coin |

1. Pursuant to Article 10 of Council Regulation (EU) No 729/2014 of 24 June 2014 on denominations and technical specifications of euro coins intended for circulation[1] (hereafter 'the Council Regulation'), Finland submits, through the General Secretariat of the Council, the draft design for:

   – a new 2 euro commemorative coin intended for circulation from 2020, commemorating 100 years since the birth of Finnish writer, Väinö Linna (the draft design is set out in the Annex to the present note);

2. In accordance with Article 10(4) of the Council Regulation, any Member State whose currency is the euro may, in a reasoned opinion addressed to the Council and to the Commission, raise an objection to the draft design proposed by the issuing Member State if that draft design is likely to create adverse reactions among its citizens. In accordance with Article 10(5) of the Council Regulation, where the Commission considers that the draft design does not respect the technical requirements set out by the Council Regulation, it shall submit a negative assessment to the Council.

[1] OJ L 194, 2.7.2014, p. 1.

3. If no reasoned opinion or negative assessment has been submitted to the Council by 19 June 2020, the decision approving the design shall be deemed to be adopted by the Council on the first day following the expiry of this time limit, pursuant to Article 10(6) of the Council Regulation.[2]

4. An Information Note to the Council acknowledging the end of this procedure and setting out the results will be issued by the General Secretariat of the Council.

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[2] The seven-day time limit and the date of adoption referred to in Article 10 of Council Regulation (EU) No 729/2014 are determined in accordance with Council Regulation (EEC, Euratom) No 1182/71 of 3 June 1971 determining the rules applicable to periods, dates and time limits (OJ L 124, 8.6.1971, p. 1).

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Ref: Finnish Commemorative coin for 2020

Dear Mr. Tranholm-Mikkelsen, Mr. Khouw and Mr. Kamps,

In accordance with the Council Regulation (EU) No 729/2014 of 24 June 2014 on denominations and technical specifications of euro coins intended for circulation, we have the honor of submitting the draft design of the Finnish Commemorative coin for year 2020 for Your approval: Väinö Linna 100 years.

Subject of commemoration: Väinö Linna 100 years
Time of issue: September – December 2020 at the latest
Number of coins to be issued: a maximum of 800 000 coins
Descriptions of the design: The special coin celebrates the well-known late Finnish writer Väinö Linna. This year marks the centenary of his birth in 1920. The obverse side reflects Linna's work in a textile mill and depicts, in addition to his face, letters as weaved fabric and threads that run through his books. The coin's outer ring depicts the 12 stars of the European flag. Edge lettering is as in circulation coins.

In the event of a request for access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, we allow the EU institutions to disclose the submitted draft national design and the correspondence related thereto to the public prior to the publication of the final design in the Official Journal of the EU.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex Design of the commemorative coin

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