RESOLUTION

of the Contact Committee 2015 on Public Sector Accounting Standards in the Member States of the European Union (EPSAS)

CC-R-2015-04

The Contact Committee –

recognising that, as a result of Council Regulation 2011/85/EU, the topic of common public sector accounting standards has acquired considerable importance for the EU SAIs;

acknowledging the agreement adopted by virtue of its resolution CC-R-2012-05, considers any discussion about this matter as an issue of major interest for the cooperation within the Contact Committee of the EU SAIs and intends to closely observe developments in this matter;

acknowledging the agreement adopted by its resolution CC-R-2013-04 to the effect that the EPSAS Task Force is to closely monitor the process, to actively participate in the planned EPSAS Working Group and to report to the Contact Committee;

acknowledging the agreement adopted by its resolution CC-R-2014-01 to the effect that the SAIs are to continuously liaise with the respective national finance ministries, to appropriately contribute to the work of Eurostat’s EPSAS Task Force and to make the information available to the Members of the Contact Committee;

bearing in mind that the European Commission is preparing the development of Public Sector Accounting Standards for the EU Member States (EPSAS);

taking regard to the activities of the Eurostat’s Task Forces on EPSAS Standards and EPSAS Governance;

taking into account that the Task Force on EPSAS Governance is to be replaced by an EPSAS Working Group effective as from September 2015;

bearing in mind that, in the short term, the European Commission will not publish any separate communication on EPSAS and that a proposal for an EPSAS Framework Regulation is likely to be submitted in 2016;

resolves:

• that the reporting SAIs of France and Germany are to continue monitoring current developments and, from September 2015, report in particular on the activities of Eurostat's EPSAS Working Group;
• that the EPSAS Task Force is to direct its activities towards actively monitoring the development of the Commission's proposal for a framework regulation;

resolves to post this resolution on the Contact Committee’s website.

Riga, 19 June 2015

Reporting SAIs: France and Germany