

Rome, 10 October 2023

Dear Minister,

Law 243/2012 requires that the Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) performs analyses, checks and assessments of the macroeconomic forecasts, following an annual schedule that also incorporates the performance of the functions assigned to it in a manner consistent with European Union legislation. Regulation (EU) 473/2013 requires that the macroeconomic forecasts used in preparing the Stability Programme be endorsed by an independent national institution.

The Memorandum of Understanding between the PBO and the Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF) of 13 May 2022 governs the process of endorsing macroeconomic forecasts.

Having considered the uncertainty surrounding the forecasts, the PBO assessed the plausibility of the macroeconomic policy scenario on the basis of ranges of acceptable values for the individual measures composing it.

The Board of the PBO has endorsed the policy forecasts for the 2023-2024 period published in the Update of the 2023 Economic and Financial Document, as they fall within an acceptable range compared to the information currently available.

However, we would like to emphasise the multiple downward risk factors on growth, already highlighted by the PBO when endorsing the trend forecasts. The forecasts are endorsed based on the information available to date; however, due the instability and fragility of the international context, the prospects could significantly change even in a short period of time.

A more detailed analysis of the rationale for the endorsement is provided in the text of the hearing to be held today before the Joint Budget Committees of the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies.

Sincerely,

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