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## Artistic basis for the new coin series

### 1. Proposed decision

The proposed decision is that the General Council should adopt the design proposal on the theme "Sun, wind and water" as the artistic basis for the production of new 1-, 2-, and 5-krona coins.

### 2. Background

In 2010, the Riksbank decided to renew the Swedish coin series. According to this decision, the coin series should consist of the denominations 1, 2, 5 and 10 kronor. The 1-, 2- and 5-krona coins will have a new design, while the 10-krona coin will remain unchanged.

Decisions regarding the design of coins are taken by the General Council of the Riksbank in accordance with the Sveriges Riksbank Act. On 4 April 2011, the General Council decided on the size of the new coins and the alloys to be used, and on the theme for the design. The theme will be "Sweden's head of state".

The General Council's Drafting Committee has subsequently drawn up a programme for the design and ordered design proposals from the Riksbank's coin supplier, the Mint of Finland.

### 3. Proposal of the Drafting Committee

From among the five design proposals, the Drafting Committee has unanimously recommended that the proposal on the theme "Sun, wind and water" should form the artistic basis for the design of the new coins. The reasons given are as follows:

"The proposal constitutes a highly cohesive coin series and the design is of high artistic quality with a distinct graphical character. The symbols on the coins are of an exemplary design. The theme "Sun, wind and water" is an appropriate and apt theme that complements the main theme of the series "Sweden's head of state". The overall impression is of a beautiful and user-friendly coin series based on a fine balance of innovation and Swedish coin tradition."

The proposal was designed by Ernst Nordin. In consultation with Ernst Nordin and the Mint of Finland, the Drafting Committee has made certain minor adjustments to the winning proposal ahead of the General Council's decision. These include turning the King's portrait to face to the left, as is traditional in Swedish coins. The denomination figures have also been enlarged slightly to improve legibility.

Test coins have been submitted to and approved by the Royal Court. In connection with the final design of the coins, further consultations will be held with the Royal Court regarding the King's portrait. Final proposals for the design of the coins are expected to be presented to the General Council at the start of 2013.

#### **4. Milling**

Like the present coins, the new coins will have milled edges to help the visually impaired recognise the denominations. The new 1-krona coin will have a completely milled edge, corresponding with the milling of the present 1-krona coin. The new 2-krona coin will feature a groove running along its circumference. The 5-krona coin's edge will be plain, like the current 5-krona coin. The 10-krona coin will retain its current design with four milled fields. The Riksbank has consulted with the Swedish Association of the Visually Impaired in the design of the milling.