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## 1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in 7247/22.

## 2. Approval of 'A' items Non-legislative list

7248/22

The Council adopted the "A" items listed in 7248/22 including COR and REV documents presented for adoption. Statements to these items are set out in the Addendum.

### Non-legislative activities

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| 3. | Preparation of the European Council of 24-25 March 2022:<br>Conclusions<br><i>Exchange of views</i>                | 5595/22            |
| 4. | European Semester  |                    |
|    | (a) Synthesis report on Council contributions on the 2022<br>European semester<br><i>Exchange of views</i>         | 6825/1/22 REV 1    |
|    | (b) Updated roadmap on the 2022 European semester<br><i>Presentation by the Presidency</i>                         | 13452/1/21 REV 1   |
|    | (c) Draft Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro<br>area<br><i>Transmission to the European Council</i> | 5080/22<br>5081/22 |
| 5. | Conference on the Future of Europe<br><i>Information from the Presidency</i><br><i>Exchange of views</i>           | 7078/1/22 REV 1    |
| 6. | Any other business   |                    |

## Legislative deliberations

(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

7. **Revision of the Regulation on the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations** 🗳️📄 7179/22 + ADD 1

*Partial general approach*

The Council reached a partial general approach on this legislative proposal. Work will continue on the provisions relating to political advertising. Hungary and Poland presented statements, as set out in the Annex.

8. Any other business



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal

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Statements to the legislative "B" items set out in doc. 7247/22

Ad "B" item 7:

**Revision of the Regulation on the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations**

*Partial general approach*

**STATEMENT BY HUNGARY**

“Hungary agrees with the French Presidency’s compromise for a Council mandate on the Commission’s recast proposal of the Regulation on the European political parties and foundations. Indeed, we are pleased to see the Member States’ accordance on protecting the European politics from external influence and on respecting the Member States’ competence regarding national referendums. Through the efforts made at working group level the Council was able to make refinements in the text and addressed the issues that emerged from the Commission’s proposal in terms of subsidiarity and the division of competences. Hungary is of the opinion though that the Council’s work on formulating its position would be greatly facilitated if the Commission’s proposals paid more attention to the compliance of the intended provisions with the Treaty-based principles.

Despite the generally positive approach to the text, Hungary considers that by comprising provisions for the national parties, the proposed Council mandate does not comply with the division of competences, thus intervenes in an area that falls within the exclusive competence of the Member States. Our position remains solid on the fact that regulating national parties is an unshared right of the Member States, thus we take this consideration primal in the interpretation of the Council mandate.”

**STATEMENT BY POLAND**

“Poland understands the formulation “gender balance” as referring to the equal representation of women and men, in line with Art. 2 of the Treaty on European Union and Art. 23 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU.”