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SUMMARY RECORD
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE
13 July 2022

I. Adoption of the agenda

11229/22 OJ CRP1 28
11239/22 OJ CRP2 28

The Committee adopted the agenda.

II. Approval of the "I" items

The Committee approved the "I" items as set out in the Annex.

III. Discussion items

COREPER (PART 1)

Telecommunications

2. Decision on the Path to the Digital Decade
Preparation for the trilogue

11047/1/22 REV 1

The Committee agreed on a revised mandate for the forthcoming trilogue.

Research

3. Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations for the conclusion of an Agreement with Canada on its participation in Union programmes and its association to Horizon Europe
Guidance for further work

11030/22
9565/22 + ADD 1

The Committee provided guidance for further work.

4. Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations for the conclusion of an Agreement with New Zealand on its participation in Union programmes and its association to Horizon Europe
Guidance for further work
- 11030/22
9566/22 + ADD 1

The Committee provided guidance for further work.

Transport, Telecommunications and Energy

5. Extraordinary meeting of the Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council on 26 July 2022: Agenda

The Presidency presented the only item on the agenda at this stage. The Committee agreed to take the item in public.

Environment

6. Revision of Directive 2003/87/EC establishing a scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading (ETS)
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Presidency debriefed on the trilogue which took place on 11 July 2022.

Internal Market and Industry

7. Regulation on machinery products
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Presidency debriefed on the trilogue which took place on 12 July 2022.

8. Regulation on foreign subsidies distorting the internal market
Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement
- 11081/22

The Committee endorsed the text of the final compromise and mandated the Presidency to inform the European Parliament that, should the European Parliament adopt its position at first reading in accordance with this compromise (subject to revision by the legal linguists), the Council would approve the European Parliament's position and the act shall be adopted.

Joint statement by Germany and Italy

"We welcome the swift political agreement with the European Parliament and support the results achieved. They contribute to creating a level playing field in the EU internal market.

At the same time, it is necessary to provide the affected companies and stakeholders a high degree of legal certainty. This is even more necessary since possible investigations against companies may have far-reaching consequences. We and other member states have urged that the Commission provides guidelines on the interpretation of the new Regulation already at the time of its entry into force. Unfortunately, the final agreement stipulates that guidelines shall only be published within three years after its entry into force. Clarifications to be published in advance also do not have to be available at the time of entry into force. This concerns important legal concepts such as the criteria for determining the existence of a distortion of competition and the application of the balancing test as well as the assessment of a distortion of competition in public procurement.

We therefore urge the Commission to present the necessary guidelines and, if necessary, clarifications as early as possible – that means at least well before the expiry of the 3-year period now provided for – in order to provide guidance for the exercise of the Commission's discretion and the necessary legal certainty for the business community. Moreover, we ask the Commission to establish from the date of the entry into force of the regulation a system that allows Member States and companies to send requests for clarification to the Commission. Questions and answers of the Commission shall be published online."

COREPER (PART 2)

General Affairs

22. Amendments to Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure on Coreper deciding to use written procedure
Approval

10547/1/22 REV 1

The Committee agreed to submit the text to the Council for approval as an A item.
The joint statement by the Netherlands, Portugal and Ireland is set out in document 11271/22 ADD 1 LIMITE.

23. EU-Ukraine solidarity lanes
State of play

9098/22

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Commission and may revert on this issue at one of its meetings.

24. Relations with the EP (July 2022)
Debriefing

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency, including on ongoing trilogues.

Foreign Affairs

25. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs) on 18 July 2022:
Preparation

- a) Current affairs

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- b) Russian aggression against Ukraine
Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- c) EU-Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) relations
Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- d) Digital diplomacy
Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- e) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Committee took note of the information provided by the EEAS and approved the attendance of the Ukrainian Foreign Minister D. Kuleba via videoconference for an informal exchange of views with EU Member States' foreign affairs ministers.

Economic and Financial Affairs

26. Meeting of the Council (Economic and Financial Affairs) on
12 July 2022: Follow-up

The above-mentioned item was withdrawn.

27. Council position on the draft budget for 2023
Approval
Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption

11075/22
+ ADD 1-2
11076/22

The Committee agreed on the Council position on the draft budget for 2023 and decided to use the written procedure for its adoption by the Council. Therefore the ECOFIN/Budget Council on 25 July was cancelled.

Joint statement by Spain and Italy, supported by Portugal and France

“Spain and Italy recall that, according to Article 6 of Regulation 1/1958, all the official languages of the Member States are working languages of the institutions, and it is therefore the obligation of the Council, as well as of all the other institutions of the Union, to take all necessary measures, including budgetary provisions, to ensure their functioning in all languages. Multilingualism is a fundamental value of the European Union to which Italy and Spain attach the utmost importance.

Spain and Italy consider that any possible future proposal by the General Secretariat of the Council regarding modifications to the interpretation mechanism and travel expenses should not affect the provision of quality interpretation in the required languages and that under no circumstances can such modifications constitute a prejudice to the level of interpretation services currently provided.”

IV. Any other business

COREPER (PART 1)

Communication on “A new European Innovation Agenda”
Presentation by the Commission

11101/22

The Committee took note of the presentation by the Commission.

COREPER (PART 2)

Court cases regarding restrictive measures

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Council legal service.

"I" items approved

COREPER (PART 1)

Institutional Affairs

Written questions

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| 9. | Replies to questions for written answer submitted to the Council by Members of the European Parliament
<i>Adoption by silence procedure</i> | 11092/22
PE-QE |
| a) | Gerolf Annemans (ID)
"European Investment Bank staff and the independence of news media" | 10379/22 |
| b) | Patrizia Toia (S&D), Pierfrancesco Majorino (S&D)
"Lack of involvement of civil society organisations in the run-up to and organisation of the 6th AU-EU Summit" | 10452/22 |
| c) | Cindy Franssen (PPE)
"EU-ratification of the ILO Violence and Harassment Convention, 2019 (No. 190)" | 10386/22 |

Other

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| 10. | Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on Public Health – High Level on 26 July 2022
<i>Approval</i> | 11067/22
SAN |
| 11. | Attendance of third parties at meetings of the Working Party on Genetic Resources and Innovation in Agriculture (Genetic Resources) on 26 July 2022 and 7-8 September 2022
<i>Approval</i> | 11097/22
AGRI |

EU positions for international negotiations

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| 12. | Council Decision on the EU position at the 226th session of the ICAO Council (Montreal, 18 July 2022)
<i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i> | 10711/22
10712/22
AVIATION |
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Fisheries

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| 13. | Council Decision on the conclusion of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement (SFPA) with Mauritania and Implementing Protocol thereto
<i>Adoption</i> | 10899/22 + ADD 1
12208/21
PECHE |
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Statement by the Commission

"By its judgement in joined cases C-103/12 and C-165/12 (European Parliament and the Commission v. Council) the Court of Justice clearly confirmed that decisions relating to the conclusion of external fisheries agreements fall fully within the scope of Article 43(2) TFEU (in conjunction with the applicable procedure of Article 218 TFEU, i.e. Article 218(6)(a)(v) for the decisions on the conclusion of the agreements) and rejected the position that such decisions could fall within the scope of Article 43(3) TFEU.

In relation to the Decision on the conclusion of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania and of the Implementing Protocol thereto, the Commission regrets the Council's amendment replacing the substantive legal basis of Article 43(2) TFEU with Article 43 (without mentioning the paragraph).

While not opposing the adoption of the amendment by the Council by a qualified majority vote, the Commission reserves all its rights in this regard."

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| 14. | Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol on the implementation of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement (SFPA) with the Cook Islands | 11087/22 + ADD 1
12640/21
PECHE |
| | <i>Adoption</i> | |

Statement by the Commission

"By its judgement in joined cases C-103/12 and C-165/12 (European Parliament and the Commission v. Council) the Court of Justice clearly confirmed that decisions relating to the conclusion of external fisheries agreements fall fully within the scope of Article 43(2) TFEU (in conjunction with the applicable procedure of Article 218 TFEU, i.e. Article 218(6)(a)(v) for the decisions on the conclusion of the agreements) and rejected the position that such decisions could fall within the scope of Article 43(3) TFEU. In relation to the Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol (2021-2024) on the implementation of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the Cook Islands, the Commission regrets the Council's amendment replacing the substantive legal basis of Article 43(2) TFEU with Article 43 (without mentioning the paragraph).

While not opposing the adoption of the amendment by the Council by a qualified majority vote, the Commission reserves all its rights in this regard."

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| 15. | Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2019/833 laying down conservation and enforcement measures applicable in the Regulatory Area of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (NAFO) | 10941/22
PECHE |
| | <i>Confirmation of the final compromise text with a view to agreement</i> | |

16. Regulation amending and correcting Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 as regards specific measures to alleviate the consequences of the military aggression of Russia against Ukraine on fishing activities
Adoption of the legislative act

11012/22 + ADD 1
PE-CONS 31/22
PECHE

Transport

17. Regulation on temporary measures concerning Ukrainian driver documents
Adoption of the legislative act
Decision to derogate from the eight-week period provided for in Article 4 of Protocol 1 on the role of national parliaments in the EU

11192/22
PE-CONS 45/22
TRANS

Statement by Poland

"Rzeczpospolita Polska pozytywnie odnosi się do kierunku rozwiązań proponowanych w przekazanym projekcie rozporządzenia. Niezależnie od powyższego rząd RP zwraca uwagę na dwie poniższe kwestie.

Po pierwsze, w ocenie rządu RP, nie powinniśmy uzależniać szczególnych i tymczasowych środków mających zastosowanie do dokumentów kierowców wydanych przez Ukrainę od tego, czy obywatel Ukrainy korzysta z tymczasowej ochrony lub odpowiedniej ochrony na mocy przepisów krajowych zgodnie z dyrektywą 2001/55/WE i decyzją wykonawczą (UE) 2022/382. Chodzi o to, aby projektowanymi przepisami objąć maksymalną liczbę kierowców, obywateli Ukrainy. Proponowany przez Komisję Europejską zakres projektu rozporządzenia dotyczy jedynie grupy osób objętych tymczasową ochroną, czyli w znakomitej większości kobiet, osób powyżej 60 roku życia oraz małoletnich. Z tej grupy niewiele osób posiada prawo jazdy kategorii umożliwiającej prowadzenie pojazdów używanych w przewozach drogowych rzeczy i osób.

Po drugie, w opinii rządu RP, zasadne jest także rozszerzenie zakresu przedmiotowego projektu rozporządzenia o przedłużenie okresu ważności z mocy prawa dokumentów wydanych kierowcom zawodowym po 24 lutego 2022 r., tj. świadectw kierowcy, kart kwalifikacji kierowcy, praw jazdy z kodem 95 oraz świadectw kwalifikacji zawodowych, na okres 1 roku - 2 lat od dnia wejścia w życie rozporządzenia, lub do dnia zakończenia okresu przyjęcia tzw. ochrony tymczasowej. Takie rozwiązanie zapewniłoby ciągłość posiadanych uprawnień i możliwość m.in. wykonywania na stanowisku kierowcy przewozu drogowego."

Courtesy translation

"The Republic of Poland is positive about the direction of the solutions proposed in the submitted draft regulation. Notwithstanding the above, the Polish government points out the following two issues.

First, in the opinion of the Government of the Republic of Poland, we should not make the special and temporary measures applicable to drivers' documents issued by Ukraine dependent on whether a Ukrainian citizen enjoys temporary protection or adequate protection under national legislation in accordance with Directive 2001/55/EC and Executive Decision (EU) 2022/382. The idea is to cover the maximum number of drivers, citizens of Ukraine, with the proposed regulations. The scope of the draft regulation proposed by the European Commission concerns only the group of people covered by temporary protection, that is, the vast majority of women, people over 60 years of age and minors. Of this group, few people have a driving license of a category that allows them to drive vehicles used in road transport of goods and passengers.

Secondly, in the opinion of the government, it is also reasonable to extend the subject scope of the draft regulation to extend the validity by law of documents issued to professional drivers after February 24, 2022, i.e. driver's certificates, driver's qualification cards, driver's licenses with code 95 and professional qualification certificates, for a period of 1 year - 2 years from the date of entry into force of the regulation, or until the end of the period of adoption of the so-called temporary protection. Such a solution would ensure the continuity of the authorizations held and the ability to, among other things, perform as a road transport driver."

Internal Market and Industry

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| 18. | Regulation on contestable and fair markets in the digital sector
(Digital Markets Act)
<i>Adoption of the legislative act</i> | 11112/22
PE-CONS 17/22
RC |
| 19. | Conclusions on "EU intellectual property rights - Protection not fully waterproof" (CoA SR No 6/2022)
<i>Approval</i> | 11110/22
PI |
| 20. | Principles for supply chain cooperation – US ministerial declaration
<i>Authorisation to sign an NBI</i> | 11193/22 + ADD 1
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Delegated or Implementing Acts

Health

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| 21. | Commission Delegated Directive (EU) of 29.6.2022 amending Directive 2014/40/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the withdrawal of certain exemptions in respect of heated tobacco products
<i>Delegated act - Decision to request an extension of the time-limit</i> | 11049/22 + COR 1
10815/22
SAN |
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COREPER (PART 2)

Judicial Affairs

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| 28. | Case C-285/22 P (Julien v. Council)
<i>Information note</i> | 10045/22
JUR |
| 29. | Cases before the General Court of the European Union:
- T-206/22 (Sara Makhlouf v. Council)
- T-207/22 (Ghada Mhana v. Council)
- T-208/22 (Kinda Makhlouf v. Council)
- T-209/22 (Shahla Makhlouf v. Council)
<i>Information note</i> | 11149/22
JUR |
| 30. | Case T-258/22 (BSW - management company of "BMC"
holding - v. Council)
<i>Information note</i> | 11164/22
JUR |
| 31. | Case T-259/22 (AAT Mostovdrev v. Council)
<i>Information note</i> | 11165/22
JUR |
| 32. | Case T-282/22 (Dmitry Arkadievich Mazepin v. Council)
<i>Information note</i> | 11054/22
JUR |
| 33. | Case T-283/22 (Vadim Nikolaevich Moshkovich v. Council)
<i>Information note</i> | 11057/22
JUR |
| 34. | Case T-305/22 (Viktor Filippovich Rashnikov v. Council)
<i>Information note</i> | 11059/22
JUR |
| 35. | Case T-313/22 (R. Abramovich v. Council)
<i>Information note</i> | 10949/22
JUR |
| 36. | Case T-326/22 (Dmitry Konov v. Council)
<i>Information note</i> | 11098/22
JUR |
| 37. | Case T-335/22 (Tigran Khudaverdyan v. Council)
<i>Information note</i> | 11102/22
JUR |
| 38. | Case T-359/22, Evgeny Borisovich Zubitskiy v. Council
<i>Information note</i> | 10964/22
JUR |

Institutional Affairs

Appointments

39. An alternate member (DE) of the Committee of the Regions
Adoption 11159/22
11064/22
CDR
40. Two members and two alternate members (DE) of the
Committee of the Regions
Adoption 11162/22
11160/22
CDR

Other

41. Attendance of third parties at the Working Party on Human
Rights on 13 July 2022
Approval 11068/22
COHOM
42. Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on External
Aspects of Asylum and Migration (EMWP) on 15 July 2022
Approval 10916/22
MIGR
43. Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on
Enlargement and Countries Negotiating Accession to the EU on
19 July 2022
Approval 11190/22
ELARG
44. Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on
Fundamental Rights, Citizens' Rights and Free Movement of
Persons (FREMP) on 20 July 2022
Approval 6435/22
JAI
FREMP
45. Attendance of a third-party at the Law Enforcement Working
Party (Police) on 20 July 2022
Approval 11129/22
ENFOPOL
46. Attendance of a third party at meetings of the ad hoc Working
Party on defence industry during the second semester of 2022
Approval 11158/22
POLMIL

Economic and Financial Affairs

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| 47. | Council Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1355 granting temporary support under Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to Romania to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak
<i>Adoption</i> | 11157/22
10604/22
ECOFIN |
| 48. | ECA SR No 16/2022 on data in Common Agricultural Policy
<i>Designation of a Working Party</i>
<i>Attendance of the European Court of Auditors at the working party meeting</i> | 11136/22
FIN |
| 49. | Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism
<i>Report by the Presidency</i> | 10982/22
ENV |

Statement by Ireland

“Ireland notes the Council General Approach achieved by the French Presidency in March 2022 and the assessment made by the Czech Presidency in July 2022 on readiness to move the file to the next step by initiating inter institutional negotiations (‘trilogues’) with the European Parliament.

Given the significant political importance of the file and the outstanding issues relating to the application of CBAM to major EU trading partners, Ireland requests that the Presidency’s preparation of all trilogues on CBAM should be managed by Ambassadors in Coreper II. Ireland also requests that the Presidency provide reports to Coreper II following each trilogue with the European Parliament.

Such preparation and reporting is considered essential so to fulfil the commitments as set out in document 10982/22 of 8 July 2022 that delegations should monitor, to discuss, further clarify and agree, by the end of negotiations on this dossier:

- the relevant operational aspects of the applicability of CBAM towards trading partners of the Union, in particular those that have ambitious and progressive environmental policies in place;
- the criteria, as part of the essential characteristics of the CBAM Regulation, for any exemptions from the CBAM, and
- the principles under which the CBAM will correlate with ongoing international work on the ‘climate club’, as well as addressing risks of carbon leakage for emission intensive goods, while complying with international rules. I
- In order to facilitate the assessment by delegations, the European Commission should regularly update on all contacts with relevant non-EU countries relating to the ongoing work on CBAM in the EU.”

General Affairs

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| 50. | EP resolutions and decisions (July 2022)
<i>Information note</i> | 11111/22
PE-RE |
| 51. | Conclusions on foreign information manipulation and interference
<i>Approval</i> | 11173/22
HWP ERCHT |

Justice and Home Affairs

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| 52. | Europol agreements with third countries: Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand on the exchange of personal data between Europol and New Zealand for fighting serious crime and terrorism
<i>Request for the consent of the European Parliament</i> | 10875/22
10092/22
9269/22
ENFOPOL |
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Foreign Affairs

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| 53. | Council Decision on an assistance measure under the European Peace Facility to support the Nigerian armed forces
<i>Adoption</i> | 10078/22
9531/22
CORLX |
| 54. | Council Decision extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia
<i>Adoption</i> | 10107/22
10106/22
CORLX |
| 55. | Council Decision extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for the Horn of Africa
<i>Adoption</i> | 10166/22
10165/22
CORLX |
| 56. | Council Decision extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for the Sahel
<i>Adoption</i> | 10169/22
10168/22
CORLX |
| 57. | Council Decision amending Decision (CFSP) 2020/489 extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue and other Western Balkan regional issues
<i>Adoption</i> | 10190/22
10189/22
CORLX |

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| 58. | Council Implementing Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus and the involvement of Belarus in the Russian aggression against Ukraine
<i>Adoption</i> | 10874/22
10870/22
10872/22
CORLX |
| 77. | Restrictive measures in view of the situation in Nicaragua - pre-notifications
<i>Approval</i> | 11078/22
CORLX |
| 59. | Regulation on temporary trade liberalisation between the EU and Moldova
<i>Adoption of the legislative act</i>
<i>Decision to derogate from the eight-week period provided for in Article 4 of Protocol 1 on the role of national parliaments in the EU</i> | 11010/22
PE-CONS 29/22
POLCOM |
| 60. | Conclusions on the 2022 Annual report on EU Development Aid Targets
<i>Approval</i> | 10845/22
DEVGEN |

Statement by Poland

“Equality between women and men is enshrined in the Treaties of the European Union as a fundamental right. Poland ensures equality between women and men within the Polish national legal system in accordance with international human rights treaties and within the framework of the fundamental values and principles of the European Union. For these reasons, the expression "gender equality" will be interpreted by Poland as sensitive to equality between women and men, in accordance with Article 2 and 3 of the Treaty on European Union and Article 8 and 157 para 3 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. In connection with the above, the remaining expressions containing the term "gender" will be interpreted by Poland as "sex", in accordance with Article 10, Article 19 para 1 and Article 157 para 2 and 4 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.”

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| 61. | Roadmap to global food security – Call for action
<i>Authorisation to sign an NBI</i> | 11094/22
DEVGEN |
| 62. | Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the 12th Ministerial Conference of the WTO
<i>Adoption of several language versions</i> | 10263/22
9157/22
WTO |
| 63. | Re-energising and expanding the Network of EU Counter Terrorism/Security Experts
<i>Information note</i> | 10779/1/22 REV 1
COTER |
| 64. | Annual Progress Report on the Implementation of the EU Strategy against the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (2021)
<i>Approval</i> | 9879/22
9878/22
+ ADD 1-2
CONOP |

65. Conclusions on EU Digital Diplomacy
Approval

11259/22
COPS

Statement by Hungary

“Hungary recognises and promotes equality between men and women in accordance with the Fundamental Law of Hungary and the primary law, principles and values of the European Union, as well as commitments and principles stemming from international law. Equality between women and men is enshrined in the Treaties of the European Union as a fundamental value. In line with these and its national legislation, Hungary interprets the term ‘gender’ as a reference to ‘sex’ in the draft Council conclusions on EU Digital Diplomacy.”

66. EU-Ukraine Association Council (Brussels, 5 September 2022)
Establishment of the EU position

10873/22
COEST

Statement by Hungary

“Hungary recognizes and promotes equality between women and men in accordance with the Fundamental Law of Hungary, and the primary law, principles and values of the European Union, as well as commitments and principles stemming from the international law. In line with these and its national legislation, Hungary interprets the term ‘gender’ as reference to ‘sex’.”

Statement by Poland

“Poland understands the notion „gender equality” as “equality between women and men”, in line with Art. 2 and Art. 3 of the Treaty on European Union as well as Art. 8 of the Treaty of the Functioning of the EU.”

67. EU-Azerbaijan Cooperation Council (Brussels, 19 July 2022)
Establishment of the EU position

10898/22
COEST

Statement by Cyprus

“While consenting to the establishment of the EU position for the EU-Azerbaijan Cooperation Council, Cyprus wishes to underline its continued deep concern with Azerbaijan’s persistent refusal to establish diplomatic relations between Baku and Nicosia, as well as with recent meetings between Azerbaijani officials and so-called “officials” from the secessionist entity in the Turkish-occupied part of Cyprus.

In this context, we note the ongoing process regarding a new EU-Azerbaijan framework agreement, for which the position of Cyprus will take into account all relevant factors, including Baku’s aforementioned stance.

Regarding the EU position on energy in relation to Azerbaijan, we recall the EU’s stated goal to diversify its energy supplies as much as possible, and, in this framework, we underline the importance of avoiding the creation of new dependencies by third countries.

We reiterate the position that Azerbaijan should establish diplomatic relations with Cyprus, abide by the principle of good neighborly relations, and commit itself to act in good faith and with full respect to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all EU member states.”

Statement by Hungary

“Hungary recognizes and promotes equality between women and men in accordance with the Fundamental Law of Hungary, and the primary law, principles and values of the European Union, as well as commitments and principles stemming from the international law. In line with these and its national legislation, Hungary interprets the term ‘gender’ as reference to ‘sex’.”

Statement by Poland

“Poland understands the notion „gender equality” as “equality between women and men”, in line with Art. 2 and Art. 3 of the Treaty on European Union as well as Art. 8 of the Treaty of the Functioning of the EU.”

68. Memorandum of Understanding on a strategic partnership in the field of energy with the Republic of Azerbaijan
Authorisation to sign an NBI
Decision to use the written procedure

11096/22
11100/22
COEST

Statement by Cyprus

“While consenting to the authorization to sign the Memorandum of Understanding on a strategic partnership in the field of energy with the Republic of Azerbaijan, Cyprus wishes to stress that established procedures for Non-Binding Instruments should always be followed both in form and in substance, so as to safeguard, inter alia, the proper ownership and participation of member states in the process; Cyprus regrets that this has not been fully the case with the Memorandum of Understanding at hand.

Furthermore, Cyprus wishes to underline its continued deep concern with Azerbaijan’s persistent refusal to establish diplomatic relations between Baku and Nicosia, as well as with recent meetings between Azerbaijani officials and so-called “officials” from the secessionist entity in the Turkish-occupied part of Cyprus.

In this context, we note the ongoing process regarding a new EU-Azerbaijan framework agreement, for which the position of Cyprus will take into account all relevant factors, including Baku’s aforementioned stance.

Regarding the EU position on energy in relation to Azerbaijan and the relevant provisions of the MoU, we recall the EU’s stated goal to diversify its energy supplies as much as possible, and, in this framework, we underline the importance of avoiding the creation of new dependencies by third countries.

We reiterate the position that Azerbaijan should establish diplomatic relations with Cyprus, abide by the principle of good neighborly relations, and commit itself to act in good faith and with full respect to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all EU member states.”

69. EU-Georgia Association Council (Brussels, 6 September 2022) 11077/22
COEST
Establishment of the EU position
- Statement by Poland
- “Poland understands the notion „gender equality” as “equality between women and men”, in line with Art. 2 and Art. 3 of the Treaty on European Union as well as Art. 8 of the Treaty of the Functioning of the EU.”
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