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## OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Working Party on Public Health

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Subject: Working Party on Public Health of 15 November 2022.

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**Item 1: Special Report No 19/2022 by the European Court of Auditors: COVID-19 vaccine procurement – Sufficient doses secured after initial challenges, but performance of the process not sufficiently assessed (doc 13889/22 REV1)**

The Commission representative asked for the following points to be entered into the minutes of the meeting.

- i) On point 5, the Commission representative said that it would be more legally correct to use the following wording:  
“RECALLS that the Commission approved an Agreement on procuring Covid-19 vaccines on behalf of the Member States pursuant to Commission Decision C(2020) 4192 final of 18 June 2020, which was subsequently approved by all Member States in accordance with their relevant internal procedures.”

- ii) On point 9, last indent, last line, the Commission representative said that it would find it more appropriate due to the actual role of the TFIS to refer to the “size of its impact” as used notably in point VI of the Executive summary and paragraph 68 of the ECA Special Report rather than “its impact”.
  - iii) On point 10, last indent, the Commission representative recalled that there had been no time for ex-ante impact assessments for the EU’s new regulations and activities in the field given the extraordinary situation of a pandemic and that the Commission had had to base itself on lessons learnt.
  - iv) On points 7 and 14, the Commission representative stressed the need to refer to “preliminary exchanges” rather than “preliminary negotiations” which does not correspond to the legal and factual situation at the time.
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