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**SUMMARY RECORD**  
**PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE**  
21, 22, 23 and 24 February 2023

**I. Adoption of the agenda**

6651/2/23 REV 2 ADD 2 OJ CRP2 7

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 2)**

**TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2023**

**Foreign Affairs**

**2. Russian aggression against Ukraine**



- a) Council Decision and Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine  
*Exchange of views*

6369/23  
6371/23 + ADD 1

The Committee held an exchange of views.

- b) Council Decision, Regulation and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine  
*Exchange of views*

6338/23  
6340/23  
6343/23  
6629/23  
6630/23

The Committee held an exchange of views.

- c) Council Decision and Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus and the involvement of Belarus in the Russian aggression against Ukraine  
*Exchange of views*

5246/23  
5248/23 + ADD 1

The Committee held an exchange of views.

## **WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2023**

### **General Affairs**

3. Meeting of the Council (General Affairs) on 21 February 2023:  
Follow-up

The above-mentioned item was withdrawn.

### **Foreign Affairs**

5. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs) on 20 February 2023:  
Follow-up

The Committee took note of the main outcomes of the Council meeting.

2. Russian aggression against Ukraine



- a) Council Decision and Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine  
*Approval*  
*Decision to use the written procedure for adoption*



6373/23  
6370/23  
6372/23 + ADD 1

The Committee held an exchange of views and agreed to revert the following day.

- b) Council Decision, Regulation and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine  
*Approval*  
*Decision to use the written procedure for adoption*



6345/23  
6339/23  
6342/23  
6344/23

The Committee held an exchange of views and agreed to revert the following day.

- c) Council Decision and Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus and the involvement of Belarus in the Russian aggression against Ukraine  
*Approval*



5250/23  
5247/23  
5249/23 + ADD 1

### *Decision to use the written procedure for adoption*

The Committee exchanged views and agreed to revert at future meeting.

- d) Ukraine territorial integrity regime: review  
*Exchange of views*

The Committee held an exchange of views.

6. Accountability for international crimes in Ukraine  
*State of play*



The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency and held an exchange of views on the state of play.

### **Economic and Financial Affairs**

7. Meeting of the Council (Economic and Financial Affairs) on  
14 March 2023: Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda.

8. Council recommendation on the discharge to be given to the  
Commission in respect of the budget for 2021  
*Adoption*  
*Approval of a letter*

6247/23 + ADD 1

The Committee agreed to submit this item to the Council for approval as an B item.

### **Joint statement Denmark and the Netherlands**

#### **“Denmark and the Netherlands**

- Underline the unique and independent role of the European Court of Auditors (the Court) in carrying out the Union’s audit by providing the Council and the European Parliament with a statement of assurance as to the reliability of the accounts and the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions, as laid down in article 287 of the TFEU.
- Specifically underline the importance of the annual audit report of the Court, the role of the Court in the annual discharge procedure, and its opinion and recommendations in this process as set out in article 319 TFEU on the implementation of the annual budget and discharge.
- Underline that legality and regularity of EU expenditure is key in preserving the public’s trust in the European institutions.
- Deeply regret that the estimated error rate for expenditure reported by the Court was found to be both material and pervasive, remains well above the materiality threshold of 2% and has increased compared to 2020. This has led the Court, for the third consecutive year, to give an adverse opinion on the legality and regularity of expenditures for the year 2021.
- Call upon the European Commission and Member States to attach great value to the Court’s conclusions and to implement the recommendations, especially regarding reimbursement-based payments and the management and control of the EU budget.

- Are concerned about the insufficient integration of the effect of horizontal policy priorities into the performance framework and the Commission's overstatement on climate expenditure in particular, as concluded by the Court in its report on performance.
- See the evaluation of the performance of the EU budget, and the results achieved, as an essential and integral part of the annual audit.
- Call upon the Commission to increase focus on result-based performance indicators that can directly be linked to EU actions. To ensure trust and legitimacy it is essential that the EU budget efficiently delivers true value to EU-citizens.
- Forward looking, call upon the European Commission as well as the Member States to consider the following:
  - Firstly, a clearly formulated set of applicable rules and proper (ex-post) control is crucial. High standards for monitoring and accountability should be maintained in order to make sure that funds are spent properly. Unnecessarily complex funding rules and implementation procedures should be simplified where appropriate.
  - Secondly, sufficient attention and support for implementation and control is crucial, both by Member States and the Commission.
  - Lastly, proper documentation is fundamental for the ex-post legality check.
  - Finally, call on the Commission to timely inform the Council on the implementation of the Court's recommendations with regards to the RRF. And attach great value to a method for quantifying the impact of non-achievement of a milestone or target. In addition, call on the Commission to assess the effectiveness of all elements of the milestones and targets under the RRF."

9. Conclusions on the budget guidelines for 2024

6246/23 + ADD 1

*Approval*

*Approval of a letter*

The Committee agreed to submit this item to the Council for approval as a B item.

## **Justice and Home Affairs**

10. Meeting of the Council (Justice and Home Affairs) on 9-

10 March 2023: Preparation

Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency and agreed to modify the provisional agenda of the Council meeting.

11. The external dimension of migration: MOCADDEM action file

*Exchange of views*

The Committee held an exchange of views.

## **THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2023**

### **Foreign Affairs**

#### 2. Russian aggression against Ukraine



- a) Council Decision and Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine



6373/23 + COR 1  
6370/23  
6372/23 + ADD 1

*Approval*

*Decision to use the written procedure for adoption*

The Committee held an exchange of views and agreed to revert the following day.

- b) Council Decision, Regulation and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine



6345/23  
6339/23  
6342/23  
6344/23

*Approval*

*Decision to use the written procedure for adoption*

The Committee held an exchange of views and agreed to revert the following day.

## **FRIDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2023**

### **Foreign Affairs**

#### 2. Russian aggression against Ukraine



- a) Council Decision and Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine



6373/23 + COR 1  
6370/23  
6372/23 + ADD 1

*Approval*

*Decision to use the written procedure for adoption*

The Committee confirmed its agreement on the text and decided to use the written procedure for its adoption.

- b) Council Decision, Regulation and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine



6345/23  
6339/23  
6342/23  
6344/23

*Approval*

*Decision to use the written procedure for adoption*

The Committee confirmed its agreement on the text and decided to use the written procedure for its adoption.

#### **IV. Any other business**

##### **COREPER (PART 2)**

Communication on the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF)

The Committee took note of the information provided by Commission.

The health situation of the former Georgian president

The Committee took note of the information provided by Poland.

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**"I" items approved****COREPER (part 2)****Judicial Affairs**

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| 12. | Case T-163/21 (De Capitani v. Council)<br><i>Information note</i> | 6129/23<br>JUR |
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**Institutional Affairs****Appointments**

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| 13. | An alternate member (EE) to the Committee of the Regions<br><i>Adoption</i> | 6108/23<br>6106/23<br>CDR |
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**Other**

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| 14. | Attendance of third parties at the meeting of the Working Party on Africa on 1 March 2023<br><i>Approval</i>   | 6544/23<br>COAFR   |
| 15. | Attendance of the third party at the meeting of the Export Credits Group on 21 March 2023<br><i>Approval</i>   | 6140/23<br>CCG     |
| 16. | Attendance of third parties at the meetings of the Working Party on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development during the Swedish Presidency<br><i>Approval</i> | 6469/23<br>SUSTDEV |

**Transparency**

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| 17. | Public access to documents: request 23/280<br><i>Decision to make the Council minutes public</i>                           |  6244/23<br>API |
| 18. | Public access to documents: request 23/297<br><i>Decision to make the statements entered in the Council minutes public</i> |  6392/23<br>API |
| 19. | Public access to documents: request 23/430<br><i>Decision to make the statements entered in the Council minutes public</i> |  6508/23<br>API |



## **Economic and Financial Affairs**

20. Appointment of a member of the European Statistical Governance Advisory Board (ESGAB)  
*Adoption* 6270/23  
6271/23  
ECOFIN  
STATIS
21. Transfer No DEC 02/2023 [C] 6438/23  
*Approval* 6204/23  
*Approval of a letter* FIN
22. Council recommendations on the discharge to be given to the joint undertakings in respect of the budget for 2021  
*Adoption* 6252/23 + ADD 1  
*Approval of a letter* FIN
23. Council recommendations on the discharge to be given to the executive agencies in respect of the budget for 2021  
*Adoption* 6250/23 + ADD 1  
*Approval of a letter* FIN
24. Council recommendations on the discharge to be given to the bodies set up under the TFEU and the Euratom Treaty in respect of the budget for 2021  
*Adoption* 6248/23 + ADD 1  
*Approval of a letter* FIN
25. Decision on the mobilisation of the EGF [C] 6435/23  
*Approval* 6437/23  
FI

## **General Affairs**

26. EP Resolutions and Decisions (February II 2023)  
*Information note* 6518/23

## **Justice and Home Affairs**

27. Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement with the Republic of North Macedonia on operational activities carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency  
*Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption*
-   6495/23  
12895/22  
12896/22  
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### **Statement by Bulgaria**


“With regard to the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of North Macedonia on actions carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in the Republic of North Macedonia;






And with regard to the reference contained therein to a “Macedonian language”;

Bulgaria would like to recall its Statement from July 18th 2022 (11373/22 ADD1), as follows:  
“Any reference to the official language of the Republic of North Macedonia in official/unofficial documents/positions/statements or others of the EU and its institutions, bodies, offices and agencies should be understood strictly in accordance with the Constitution of this state and shall not in any way be interpreted as a recognition by the Republic of Bulgaria of a “Macedonian language”.”

28. Conclusions on the permanent continuation of the EU Policy Cycle for organised and serious international crime: EMPACT 2022+  
*Approval*
- 6357/23  
COSI
29. Conclusions setting the EU's priorities for the fight against serious and organised crime for EMPACT 2022 - 2025  
*Approval*
- 6356/23  
COSI

## **Foreign Affairs**

30. Council recommendations on the EDF discharge for the 2021 financial year  
*Adoption*
- 5675/23  
5671/23  
5672/23  
5673/23  
5674/23  
ACP
31. Council 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  
*Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption*
-  6189/23  
5571/23  
5702/23  
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| <p>32. Council Decision and Implementing Regulation on restrictive measures to combat terrorism: common Position<br/>2001/931/CFSP<br/><i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i></p>                                    |  <p>6378/23<br/>6185/23<br/>5737/23<br/>6377/23<br/>CORLX</p>                                  |
| <p>33. Collection of best practices for third countries: EU Terrorist List<br/>CP 931<br/><i>Approval</i></p>   | <p>6501/23<br/>10639/1/22 REV 1<br/>CORLX</p>   |
| <p>34. Council Decision and Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Mali<br/><i>Decision to use the written procedure for adoption</i></p>   |  <p>6242/1/23 <b>REV 1</b><br/>6239/1/23 <b>REV 1</b><br/>6241/1/23 <b>REV 1</b><br/>CORLX</p> |
| <p>35. Council Decision and Regulation concerning restrictive measures against serious human rights violations and abuses<br/><i>Decision to use the written procedure for adoption</i></p>   |  <p>6351/23<br/>6348/23<br/>6350/23<br/>CORLX</p>  |
| <p>36. Council Decision and Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria<br/><i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i></p>  |  <p>6383/23<br/>6380/23<br/>6382/23<br/>CORLX</p>  |
| <p>37. Restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine: pre-notifications<br/><i>Approval</i><br/><i>Decision to use the written procedure</i></p> |  <p>6650/23<br/>CORLX</p>  |