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Subject: END OF WRITTEN PROCEDURE

Council Decision on the conclusion of the Status Agreement between the European Union and Montenegro on actions carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in Montenegro

– Adoption

Delegations are informed that the written procedure, opened by CM 2278/20 of 20 May 2020 was completed on 26 May 2020 at 17:00 and that all delegations participating in the vote voted in favour of the adoption of the Council Decision on the conclusion of the Status Agreement between the European Union and Montenegro on actions carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in Montenegro as set out in document ST 6847/1/19 REV 1.

The required qualified majority has been reached. Therefore, the above Decision of the Council is adopted.

The statement by Hungary is reproduced in the Annex to this CM.

The above statement will be included in the summary of acts adopted by the written procedure as statement to be entered in the Council minutes, in accordance with the third subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.

Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Status Agreement between the European Union and Montenegro on actions carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in Montenegro

- Statement of Hungary –

Hungary can fully support that fact the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) may coordinate operational cooperation between Member States and third countries and provide technical and operational assistance to third countries in the context of European integrated border management. In this regard we welcome and we are ready to support the conclusion of the Status Agreement between the European Union and Montenegro on actions carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in Montenegro.

However, we would like to highlight that Regulation 2019/1896 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Border and Coast Guard ensures the possibility for the Agency to carry out actions, without geographical limitations, related to European integrated border management on the territory of a third country subject to the agreement of that third country. Hungary regrets to notice that the content of the current Agreement was not aligned with Regulation 2019/1896/EU on the European Border and Coast Guard and that it remains to limit the scope of support, provided by the Agency to the common border sections between Montenegro and the EU.

In line with this, the possibilities set out in the current EU legal framework will remain unused in the practice, despite the fact that the requests for assistance in the field of border management addressed to the Member States by Montenegro are not limited to the border sections common with the EU.

Taking into account the aforementioned Hungary would like to stress that in order to ensure the security of the European Union and to be able to effectively manage the external borders, the swift revision and amendment (in line with the Regulation 2019/1896/EU on the European Border and Coast Guard) of the Status Agreement between the European Union and Montenegro on actions carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in Montenegro is of common interest both for the EU and Montenegro.