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## **NOTE**

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Subject: MONTHLY SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTS - OCTOBER 2020

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It provides information on the adoption of legislative and non-legislative acts, including:

- the date of adoption,
- the relevant Council session,
- the number of the document adopted,
- the Official Journal reference,
- reference to the minutes of the Council session when the act was adopted.

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<sup>1</sup> For easy reference, the "short titles" as mentioned in the Council's agendas are also indicated (see in italics).

<sup>2</sup> With the exception of certain acts of limited scope such as procedural decisions, appointments, specific budgetary decisions, etc unless adopted by written procedure.

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**INFORMATION ON THE ACTS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL IN OCTOBER 2020**

**Written procedure completed on 1 October 2020**

<p><i>Council Decision amending Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya</i></p> <p>Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/1385 of 1 October 2020 amending Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya</p> <p><a href="#">OJ L 320, 2.10.2020, p. 9–10</a></p>	<p align="center"><b>CM 3668/20</b></p> <p align="center">10748/20</p>
<p><i>Council Implementing Regulation implementing Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/44 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya</i></p> <p>Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1481 of 14 October 2020 implementing Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/44 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya</p> <p><a href="#">OJ L 341, 15.10.2020, p. 7–8</a></p>	<p align="center">10749/20 + COR 1</p>
<p><i>Council Decision amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine</i></p> <p>Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/1368 of 1 October 2020 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine</p> <p><a href="#">OJ L 318, 1.10.2020, p. 5–7</a></p>	<p align="center">11010/20</p>
<p><i>Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine</i></p> <p>Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1367 of 1 October 2020 implementing Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine</p> <p><a href="#">OJ L 318, 1.10.2020, p. 1–4</a></p>	<p align="center">11012/20</p>
<p><b>Written procedure completed on 1 October 2020</b></p>	
<p><i>Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU as regards amendments to the Annexes to ADR and to the Regulations annexed to ADN</i></p> <p>Council Decision (EU) 2020/1421 of 1 October 2020 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union as regards amendments to the Annexes to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) and to the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN)</p> <p><a href="#">OJ L 329, 9.10.2020, p. 1–3</a></p>	<p align="center"><b>CM 3793/20</b></p> <p align="center">10362/20</p>
<p><b>Written procedure completed on 1 October 2020</b></p>	
<p align="center"><b>CM 3853/20</b></p>	

<i>EPPO: Process for the appointment of the European Prosecutors</i>	11199/20
Notification to the unsuccessful candidates for the post of European Prosecutor	
<b>Written procedure completed on 2 October 2020</b>	<b>CM 3847/20</b>
<i>EU Terms of Reference for the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting on 14 October 2020</i>	11003/20
EU Terms of Reference for the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting on 14 October 2020	
EU statement for the IMFC Annual meeting on 15-16 October 2020 as set out in document	11004/20
<b>Written procedure completed on 2 October 2020</b>	<b>CM 3850/20</b>
<i>Council Implementing Decision implementing Decision 2012/642/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Belarus</i>	10375/20
Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2020/1388 of 2 October 2020 implementing Decision 2012/642/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Belarus	+ COR 1
<a href="#">OJ L 319L, 2.10.2020, p. 13–23</a>	
Council Implementing Regulation implementing Article 8a(1) of Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in respect of Belarus	10400/20
<a href="#">OJ L 319L, 2.10.2020, p. 1–12</a>	
<b>Written procedure completed on 2 October 2020</b>	<b>CM 3877/20</b>
<i>Council Decision appointing the members of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025, and repealing and replacing the Council Decision appointing the members of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025 adopted on 18 September 2020</i>	11114/20
Council Decision (EU) 2020/1392 of 2 October 2020 appointing the members of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025, and repealing and replacing the Council Decision appointing the members of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025 adopted on 18 September 2020	
<a href="#">OJ L 322, 5.10.2020, p. 1–23</a>	
<b>Written procedure completed on 2 October 2020</b>	<b>CM 3784/20</b>
<i>Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing measures for a sustainable rail market in view of the COVID-19 pandemic</i>	30/20
Regulation (EU) 2020/1429 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 October 2020 establishing measures for a sustainable rail market in view of the COVID-19 outbreak (Text with EEA relevance)	
<a href="#">OJ L 333, 12.10.2020, p. 1–5</a>	

<b>Written procedure completed on 5 October 2020</b>	<b>CM 3777/20</b>
<i>Council Decision concerning the allocation of funds decommitted from projects under the 10th European Development Fund for the purpose of replenishing the African Peace Facility</i>	11039/20
Council Decision (EU) 2020/1422 of 5 October 2020 concerning the allocation of funds decommitted from projects under the 10th European Development Fund for the purpose of replenishing the African Peace Facility <a href="#">OJ L 329, 9.10.2020, p. 4–5</a>	
<b>Written procedure completed on 6 October 2020</b>	<b>CM 3810/20</b>
<i>The EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes - Report by the Code of Conduct Group (business taxation) suggesting amendments to the Annexes of the Council conclusions of 18 February 2020</i>	11054/1/20 REV1 + COR 1
The EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes — Report by the Code of Conduct Group (business taxation) suggesting amendments to the Annexes to the Council conclusions of 18 February 2020 <a href="#">OJ C 331, 7.10.2020, p. 3–5</a>	
<b>Written procedure completed on 6 October 2020</b>	<b>CM 3904/20</b>
Approval of transfer of appropriations No DEC 14/2020 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2020	10737/20
Approval of the Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF/2020/001 ES/Galicia shipbuilding ancillary sectors)	11018/20
Approval of the joint statement on the dates for the budgetary procedure and modalities for the functioning of the Conciliation Committee in 2020	11077/20
<b>Written procedure completed on 6 October 2020</b>	<b>CM 3927/20</b>
Council Decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms (Budget Line 04 03 01 03 – Social Security)	10123/20 and 10124/20 + COR 1
<b>Written procedure completed on 6 October 2020</b>	<b>CM 3928/20</b>
Council Decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms (Budget line 12.02.01 - Financial services)	10126/20 and 10127/20
<b>Written procedure completed on 6 October 2020</b>	<b>CM 3929/20</b>
Council Decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms (Budget Line 02.03.01 Internal Market and Budget line 02.03.04 Internal Market Governance Tools)	10129/20 and 10130/20

<b>Written procedure completed on 6 October 2020</b>	<b>CM 3930/20</b>
Council Decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms (Budget Line 33.02.03.01 – Company Law)	10132/20 and 10133/20
<b>Written procedure completed on 6 October 2020</b>	<b>CM 3931/20</b>
Council Decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms (Budget line 02 04 77 03 - Preparatory action for defence research)	10135/20 and 10136/20
<b>Written procedure completed on 6 October 2020</b>	<b>CM 3933/20</b>
Council conclusions on the European Court of Auditors' Special Report No 04/2020: "Using new imaging technologies to monitor the Common Agricultural Policy: steady progress overall, but slower for climate and environment monitoring"	10760/20
<b>Written procedure completed on 7 October 2020</b>	<b>CM 3942/20</b>
<i>Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 as regards the adjustment of annual pre-financing for the years 2021 to 2023</i> Regulation (EU) 2020/1542 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2020 amending Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 as regards the adjustment of annual pre-financing for the years 2021 to 2023 <a href="#">OJ L 356. 26.10.2020, p. 1–2</a>	33/20
<b>Statement by Italy</b> Italy is in favour of the proposal for a Regulation amending the Common Provisions Regulation, while having some concerns over the effects on liquidity, since the conditions underlying the provisions of the CRII remain relevant given that the COVID-19 pandemic is ongoing.	
<b>Written procedure completed on 7 October 2020</b>	<b>CM 3964/20</b>
<i>Council Implementing Decision authorising Germany to apply a reduced rate of taxation to electricity directly provided to vessels at berth in a port in accordance with Article 19 of Directive 2003/96/EC</i> Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1436 of 12 October 2020 authorising Germany to apply a reduced rate of taxation to electricity directly provided to vessels at berth in a port, in accordance with Article 19 of Directive 2003/96/EC <a href="#">OJ L 331. 12.10.2020, p. 30–31</a>	10524/20
<b>Written procedure completed on 8 October 2020</b>	<b>CM 3994/20</b>
Public access to documents – Complaint 640/2019/TE - European Ombudsman final decision	9063/20
<b>Written procedure completed on 9 October 2020</b>	<b>CM 4007/20</b>
Approval of transfer of appropriations No 2/2020 within Section VIII - European Ombudsman - of the general budget for 2020	11477/20
Approval of the European Ombudsman's project to relocate its Brussels office to a new building	11478/20

<p><b>Written procedure completed on 9 October 2020</b></p>	<p>CM 4010/20</p>
<p><i>Council Recommendation on the appointment of a member of the Executive Board of the European Central Bank</i>  Council Recommendation of 9 October 2020 on the appointment of a member of the Executive Board of the European Central Bank 2020/C 338/02  <a href="#">OJ C 338, 12.10.2020, p. 2–2</a></p>	<p>11071/20</p>
<p><b>Written procedure completed on 9 October 2020</b></p>	<p>CM 4011/20</p>
<p>Council Conclusions on Human Rights, Participation and Well-Being of Older Persons in the Era of Digitalisation</p> <p><b>Statement from Poland</b></p> <p>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 framework of the Polish national legal system in accordance with internationally binding human rights instruments and within the framework of fundamental values and principles of the European Union. For these reasons, in places, where the conclusions refer to gender equality, Poland will interpret it as equality between women and men, according to Article 8 TFEU.</p>	<p>11087/20</p>
<p><b>Statement from Slovakia</b></p> <p>The Slovak Republic recognizes and promotes equality between men and women in accordance with the Constitution of the Slovak Republic and primary law of the European Union. In this context, the Slovak Republic interprets the concept of "gender" in the text of the Council Recommendation and Council Conclusions as reference to sex, and the concept of "gender equality" as reference to the equality between men and women.</p>	
<p><b>Written procedure completed on 9 October 2020</b></p>	<p>CM 4012/20</p>
<p>Council Conclusions on Strengthening Minimum Income Protection to Combat Poverty and Social Exclusion in the COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond</p> <p><b>Statement from Poland</b></p> <p>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 framework of the Polish national legal system in accordance with internationally binding human rights instruments and within the framework of fundamental values and principles of the European Union. For these reasons, in places, where the conclusions refer to gender equality, Poland will interpret it as equality between women and men,</p>	<p>11084/20</p>

<p>according to Article 8 TFEU.</p>		
<p><b>Statement from Slovakia</b></p>	<p>The Slovak Republic recognizes and promotes equality between men and women in accordance with the Constitution of the Slovak Republic and primary law of the European Union. In this context, the Slovak Republic interprets the concept of "gender" in the text of the Council Recommendation and Council Conclusions as reference to sex, and the concept of "gender equality" as reference to the equality between men and women.</p>	
<p><b>Statement from Austria</b></p>	<p>As a general remark, Austria states that it is exclusively up to the Member States to regulate minimum income protection systems – be it legislative or executive.</p> <p>As minimum income schemes aim at combating social exclusion, inter alia Article 153(2)(a) TFEU only allows the adoption by the European Parliament and the Council of "measures designed to encourage cooperation between Member States through initiatives aimed at improving knowledge, developing exchanges of information and best practices, promoting innovative approaches and evaluating experiences". Harmonisation of the laws and regulations of the Member States is excluded. The legal basis for these non-binding measures is Article 153(1)(j) TFEU. Subsequently, Member States shall, in strict compliance with the principle of subsidiarity, exchange information and experience by using the method of open coordination in order to develop their national systems while respecting their national competence.</p>	<p><b>CM 4013/20</b> 11079/1/20 REV1</p>
<p><b>Written procedure completed on 9 October 2020</b></p>	<p>Council Conclusions on Improving the working and living conditions of seasonal and other mobile workers</p>	
<p><b>Statement from Romania</b></p>	<p>Romania welcomes the approval of the <i>Council Conclusions on Improving the working and living conditions of seasonal and other mobile workers</i>, which reflect the essential role of these categories of workers in the European Union and underline the importance of protecting them.</p> <p>While the EU seasonal workers perform critical activities in the Member States and support the functioning of the Single Market, they have proven to represent a category at greater risk. In this context, they deserve a stronger protection and effective enforcement of their rights throughout the Union. Both their crucial contribution and their vulnerabilities have been strongly emphasised during the health crisis, which has unfolded since the beginning of this year.</p> <p>Approaching this issue at the European level is timely and Romania welcomes the strong emphasis on the necessity to fully apply</p>	

<p>and enforce the EU and national legislation on working and living conditions and social security coordination. This would adequately protect seasonal and other mobile workers, especially in times of crisis such as the COVID-19 pandemic. We are confident that the approval of these Conclusions will bring new impetus at the EU and national level.</p> <p>In our view, the text could have benefited further from the explicit reference to domestic caregivers, as they provide essential personal and household care services but are often confronted with discriminatory treatment and precarious working conditions. We consider, nevertheless, that the Council Conclusions apply as well to this category of workers. Furthermore, Romania would have preferred a more ambitious language when calling for setting specific requirements for temporary work and recruitment agencies, together with additional elements on the information list they have to provide to workers.</p> <p>Having regard to the above, we consider important to keep this subject high on the European agenda in the forthcoming period. We are also looking forward to the Commission's assessment of the areas where the protection of seasonal workers should be enhanced and its study aimed at the challenges they face and the subsequent policy recommendations.</p>	
<p><b>3774th meeting of the Council of the European Union (Foreign Affairs) held in Luxembourg on 12 October 2020 (Minutes: 11764/20)</b></p>	
NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTS	
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<p><i>Council Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures against the proliferation and use of chemical weapons</i></p> <p>Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/1466 of 12 October 2020 amending Decision (CFSP) 2018/1544 concerning restrictive measures against the proliferation and use of chemical weapons  <a href="#">OJ L 335, 13.10.2020, p. 16–17</a></p>	10924/20
<p>Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1463 of 12 October 2020 implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1542 concerning restrictive measures against the proliferation and use of chemical weapons  <a href="#">OJ L 335, 13.10.2020, p. 1–2</a></p>	10926/20
<p><i>Council Decision on the promotion of effective arms export controls</i></p> <p>Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/1464 of 12 October 2020 on the promotion of effective arms export controls  <a href="#">OJ L 335, 13.10.2020, p. 3–12</a></p>	10719/20
<p><i>Council Decision amending Decision concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Nicaragua - review</i></p> <p>Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/1467 of 12 October 2020 amending Decision (CFSP) 2019/1720 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Nicaragua  <a href="#">OJ L 335, 13.10.2020, p. 18–18</a></p>	10932/20

<p><i>Council Decision on a European Union action in support of the United Nations Verification and Inspection Mechanism in Yemen (UN/IM)</i></p> <p>Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/1465 of 12 October 2020 on a European Union action in support of the United Nations Verification and Inspection Mechanism in Yemen</p> <p><a href="#">OJ L 335, 13.10.2020, p. 13–15</a></p>	10770/20
<p><i>Schengen evaluation Recommendation - Iceland external border</i></p> <p>Council Implementing Decision setting out a Recommendation on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2019 evaluation of Iceland (revisit) on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of management of the external border</p>	10984/20
<p><i>Council Decision concerning BOB Decision N°0010 adopting Annex 3 to the Agreement with the United States of America</i></p> <p>Council Decision on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the Bilateral Oversight Board under the Agreement between the United States of America and the European Community on cooperation in the regulation of civil aviation safety, concerning Decision N° 0010 adopting Annex 3 to the Agreement</p>	11003/19
<p>Position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the Bilateral Oversight Board under the Agreement between the United States of America and the European Community on cooperation in the regulation of civil aviation safety, with regard to the adoption of a Bilateral Oversight Board Decision adopting Annex 3 to the Agreement</p>	11004/19
<p><i>Council Decision concerning BOB Decision N°0011 adopting Annex 4 to the Agreement with the United States of America</i></p> <p>Council Decision on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the Bilateral Oversight Board under the Agreement between the United States of America and the European Community on cooperation in the regulation of civil aviation safety, concerning Decision N° 0011 adopting Annex 4 to the Agreement</p>	11008/19
<p>Position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the Bilateral Oversight Board under the Agreement between the United States of America and the European Community on cooperation in the regulation of civil aviation safety, with regard to the adoption of a Bilateral Oversight Board Decision adopting Annex 4 to the Agreement</p>	11009/19
<p><i>Council Decision on the EU position in the Côte d'Ivoire-EU EPA Committee regarding adoption of the dispute settlement procedure and code of conduct for arbitrators</i></p> <p>Council Decision (EU) 2020/1490 of 12 October 2020 establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the EPA Committee set up by the stepping stone Economic Partnership Agreement between Côte d'Ivoire, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, concerning the adoption of the procedures for the settlement of disputes and the code of conduct for arbitrators</p> <p><a href="#">OJ L 343, 16.10.2020, p. 12–12</a></p>	10611/20

<p><i>Council Decision on the EU position in the Côte d'Ivoire-EU EPA Committee regarding adoption of list of arbitrators</i>  Council Decision (EU) 2020/1491 of 12 October 2020 establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the EPA Committee set up by the stepping stone Economic Partnership Agreement between Côte d'Ivoire, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, concerning the adoption of the list of arbitrators  <a href="#">OJ L 343, 16.10.2020, p. 13–13</a></p>	<p>10613/20</p>
<p><i>Council Decision on the EU Position in the 66th session of the Harmonized System Committee of the World Customs Organization</i>  Council Decision (EU) 2020/1532 of 12 October 2020 on the position to be taken, on behalf of the European Union, in the 66th session of the Harmonized System Committee of the World Customs Organization in relation to the envisaged adoption of Classification Opinions, classification decisions, amendments to the Harmonized System Explanatory Notes or other advice on the interpretation of the Harmonized System, and of recommendations to secure uniformity in the interpretation of the Harmonized System under the Harmonized System Convention  <a href="#">OJ L 352, 22.10.2020, p. 7–11</a></p>	<p>11212/20 11214/20</p>
<p><i>Council Decision on the EU position on TIR Convention</i>  Council Decision (EU) 2020/1494 of 12 October 2020 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Administrative Committee established by the Customs Convention on the international transport of goods under cover of TIR carnets (TIR Convention) as regards certain amendments to that Convention  <a href="#">OJ L 343, 16.10.2020, p. 18–19</a></p>	<p>10755/20</p>
<p><i>Council Decision on the EU position in the Joint Committee on adoption of Common Operational Procedures (Swiss ETS linking)</i>  Council Decision (EU) 2020/1492 of 12 October 2020 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee established by the Agreement between the European Union and the Swiss Confederation on the linking of their greenhouse gas emissions trading systems as regards the adoption of Common Operational Procedures (Text with EEA relevance)  <a href="#">OJ L 343, 16.10.2020, p. 14–15</a></p>	<p>10677/20 + COR 1</p>
<p><i>Council Decision on the EU position in the Joint Committee on amending Annexes I and II and adoption of Linking Technical Standards (Swiss ETS linking)</i>  Council Decision (EU) 2020/1493 of 12 October 2020 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee, established by the Agreement between the European Union and the Swiss Confederation on the linking of their greenhouse gas emissions trading systems, as regards amending Annexes I and II to the Agreement and the adoption of Linking Technical Standards (Text with EEA relevance)  <a href="#">OJ L 343, 16.10.2020, p. 16–17</a></p>	<p>10679/20 + COR 1</p>

<p><i>Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2019/2236 fixing for 2020 the fishing opportunities in the Mediterranean and Black Seas</i></p> <p>Council Regulation (EU) 2020/1485 of 12 October 2020 amending Regulation (EU) 2019/2236 fixing for 2020 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Mediterranean and Black Seas  <a href="#">OJ L 343, 16.10.2020, p. 3–4</a></p>	10485/20
<p><b>Written procedure completed on 12 October 2020</b></p>	
<p><i>Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the European Committee for drawing up Standards in the field of Inland Navigation and in the Central Commission for the Navigation on the Rhine on the adoption of standards concerning technical requirements for inland waterways vessels</i></p> <p>Council Decision (EU) 2020/1508 of 12 October 2020 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the European Committee for drawing up standards in the field of Inland navigation (CESNI) and within the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) on the adoption of standards concerning technical requirements for inland waterway vessels  <a href="#">OJ L 345, 19.10.2020, p. 6–7</a></p>	<p><b>CM 3975/20</b></p> <p>11361/2 + COR 1</p>
<p><b>Written procedure completed on 12 October 2020</b></p>	
<p>Public access to documents – Confirmatory application No 19/c/01/20</p>	<p><b>CM 3845/20</b></p> <p>10386/20</p>
<p><b>Statement by Italy</b></p>	
<p>Italy reiterates the considerations previously expressed. Therefore, Italy does not agree with the approval of the draft reply to Confirmatory application No 19/c/01/20, as set out in document 10386/20.</p> <p>In particular, Italy cannot fully concur with the analysis in para. 18 of the draft reply, considering that sharing CVs – without private information therein – would meet the public interest of granting transparency to the negotiating process which conducted to the approval of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, provided that the personalities involved were either public officials or persons entrusted with a public mandate and exercising public duties. As stated by the applicant(s), there is a public interest in accessing the information requested, which needs to be taken into account when assessing the level of personal data protection granted. Recent case-law would confirm this reading (see i.a. the ECJ decision in the case <a href="#">Google Spain vs. AEPD</a>).</p>	

<p><b>Statement by Portugal</b></p> <p>Portugal is of the opinion that in this case, further extended partial access to the documents could have been given.</p> <p>Indeed, given the high profile of the position, Portugal considers that the concerned individuals would have been aware that by participating in the Convention, their professional information and CV details could be of increased public interest and accessible to the public. We also believe that it is important to weigh the amount of time already lapsed since the submission of these CVs (20 years).</p> <p>In this regard, Portugal considers that except for the personal contact details (addresses, telephone numbers and emails) and information clearly related to the private sphere of the individuals and not relevant for their nomination to the Convention (e.g. marital status and number of children), all data could have been disclosed. Furthermore, in accordance with guarantees concerning data protection of the GDPR, Portugal would agree to strikethrough all data that the persons concerned might have expressly objected to disclose., if/when consulted.</p>	
<p><b>Statement by Finland</b></p> <p>Finland stresses the importance of striking a balance between the principle of transparency and the right to the protection of personal data. Finland considers that public access could be granted to certain additional elements of the requested document.</p>	
<p><b>Statement by Sweden</b></p> <p>Sweden considers that the document can be fully disclosed given that the principle of transparency in this case appears to outweigh the protection of personal data. Sweden is not convinced that the subjects concerned were not aware that by participating in the Convention they approved of having these personal data examined, and that they thereby opened up for an increased examination of their person. In this context, Sweden would welcome a more detailed analysis of how the request relates to Article 9 (3) of Regulation 2018/1725.</p>	
<p><b>Written procedure completed on 12 October 2020</b></p> <p>Declaration for the notification of the EPPO as a competent judicial authority in relation to the 1959 European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters and its Protocols</p> <p>Additional Declarations</p>	<p><b>CM 4037/20</b></p> <p>11835/20</p>

3775th meeting of the Council of the European Union (General Affairs) held in Luxembourg on 13 October 2020 (Minutes: 11787/20)	
NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTS	
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<p><i>Council Recommendation on COVID-19 pandemic EU coordination</i>  Council Recommendation (EU) 2020/1475 of 13 October 2020 on a coordinated approach to the restriction of free movement in response to the COVID-19 pandemic (Text with EEA relevance)  <a href="#">OJ L 337, 14.10.2020, p. 3–9</a></p>	11689/1/20 REV 1
<p><i>Agreement with Cuba on EU's TRQs in the WTO schedule following Brexit</i>  Council Decision (EU) 2020/1484 of 13 October 2020 on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Republic of Cuba pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions on all the tariff-rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union  <a href="#">OJ L 343, 16.10.2020, p. 1–2</a></p>	10637/20
<p><i>Agreement with Norway on EU's TRQs in the WTO schedule following Brexit</i>  Council Decision (EU) 2020/1496 of 13 October 2020 on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions on all the tariff-rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union  <a href="#">OJ L 343, 16.10.2020, p. 22–22</a></p>	10642/20
<p><i>Council Decision on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States (2020)</i>  Council Decision (EU) 2020/1512 of 13 October 2020 on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States  <a href="#">OJ L 344, 19.10.2020, p. 22–28</a></p>	11408/20
<p><i>Council Decision on the EU position to be taken in the EU-Korea FTA Customs Committee concerning the verification of proofs of origin</i>  Council Decision (EU) 2020/1495 of 13 October 2020 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Customs Committee established under the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part, as regards a recommendation on the application of Article 27 of the Protocol concerning the definition of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation</p>	10584/20

<a href="#">OJ L 343, 16.10.2020, p. 20–21</a>		
<b>Written procedure completed on 13 October 2020</b>		<b>CM 7/20</b>
Consultation of the European Parliament and the Governing Council of the European Central Bank on the appointment of a member of the Executive Board of the European Central Bank		
<b>Written procedure completed on 13 October 2020</b>		<b>CM 3925/20</b>
<i>Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 514/2014 as regards the decommitment procedure</i>		35/20
Regulation (EU) 2020/1543 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2020 amending Regulation (EU) No 514/2014 as regards the decommitment procedure		
<a href="#">OJ L 356, 26.10.2020, p. 3–4</a>		
<b>Written procedure completed on 13 October 2020</b>		<b>CM 3824/20</b>
Public access to documents – Confirmatory application No 20/c/01/20		11177/20
<b>Statement by Greece, France, Cyprus, Hungary, Poland, Portugal and Romania</b>		
Without prejudice to whether they support, abstain or oppose to granting access to the requested document in the case at hand, Member States joining this statement reaffirm that they attach the greatest importance to the protection of the Council's decision-making process, in particular from external pressure that could substantially affect the decision to be taken, as recognised in established case-law.		
<b>Written procedure completed on 14 October 2020</b>		<b>CM 3990/20</b>
<i>Council Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures against the proliferation and use of chemical weapons</i>		11737/20 + ADD 1 + ADD 1 COR 1
Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/1482 of 14 October 2020 amending Decision (CFSP) 2018/1544 concerning restrictive measures against the proliferation and use of chemical weapons		
<a href="#">OJ L 341, 15.10.2020, p. 9–15</a>		
Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1480 of 14 October 2020 implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1542 concerning restrictive measures against the proliferation and use of chemical weapons		11739/20 + ADD 1 EU RESTRICTED
<a href="#">OJ L 341, 15.10.2020, p. 1–6</a>		11741/20 + ADD 1
<i>Council Implementing Decision concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya</i>		
Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2020/1483 of 14 October 2020 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya		
<a href="#">OJ L 341, 15.10.2020, p. 16–17</a>		

<p>Notice for the attention of person subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333, as implemented by Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2020/1483, and in Council Regulation (EU) 2016/44, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1481, concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya</p> <p><a href="#">OJ C 344, 16.10.2020, p. 12–12</a></p>	<p>11743/20 + ADD 1</p>
<p><i>Council Implementing Regulation implementing Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/44 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya</i></p> <p>Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1481 of 14 October 2020 implementing Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/44 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya</p> <p><a href="#">OJ L 341, 15.10.2020, p. 7–8</a></p> <p><b>Written procedure completed on 14 October 2020</b></p> <p><i>Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council empowering France to negotiate an agreement supplementing its existing bilateral Treaty with the United Kingdom concerning the construction and operation by private concessionaires of a Channel Fixed Link</i></p> <p>Decision (EU) 2020/1531 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2020 empowering France to negotiate, sign and conclude an international agreement supplementing the Treaty between France and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning the Construction and Operation by Private Concessionaires of a Channel Fixed Link</p> <p><a href="#">OJ L 352, 22.10.2020, p. 4–6</a></p>	<p>CM 4044/20</p> <p>31/20</p>
<p><b>Statement by the Commission</b></p> <p>The Commission disagrees with the omission of Article 2(1) TFEU as legal basis of the decision empowering France to negotiate with the UK.</p> <p>While Article 91 TFEU empowers the Union to adopt acts of transport policy, the legislator is warranted powers to authorise Member States to act in the Union’s stead in an area of exclusive Union competence only under Article 2(1) TFEU.</p> <p>The decision can therefore be adopted only on the basis of both provisions.</p>	
<p><b>Written procedure completed on 14 October 2020</b></p> <p><i>Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive (EU) 2016/798, as regards the application of railway safety and interoperability rules within the Channel Fixed Link</i></p> <p>Regulation (EU) 2020/1530 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2020 amending Directive (EU)</p>	<p>CM 4045/20</p> <p>32/20</p>

2016/798, as regards the application of railway safety and interoperability rules within the Channel Fixed Link <a href="#">OJ L 352, 22.10.2020, p. 1–3</a>	
<b>Written procedure completed on 14 October 2020</b>	<b>CM 4051/20</b>
<i>Decision of the European Parliament and of the council amending Council Decision 2003/17/EC as regards the equivalence of field inspections carried out in Ukraine on cereal seed-producing crops and on the equivalence of cereal seed produced in Ukraine</i> Decision (EU) 2020/1544 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2020 amending Council Decision 2003/17/EC as regards the equivalence of field inspections carried out in Ukraine on cereal seed-producing crops and on the equivalence of cereal seed produced in Ukraine <a href="#">OJ L 356, 26.10.2020, p. 5–6</a>	38/20
<b>Written procedure completed on 15 October 2020</b>	<b>CM 4110/20</b>
List of commitments proposed for presentation by the EU at the 'Our Ocean Conference' (Palau, 7-8 December 2020)	11393/20
<b>Written procedure completed on 16 October 2020</b>	<b>CM 4084/20</b>
<i>Council Implementing Decision 2010/788/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic Republic of the Congo</i> Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2020/1509 of 16 October 2020 implementing Decision 2010/788/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic Republic of the Congo <a href="#">OJ L 345, 19.10.2020, p. 8–12</a>	10913/20 + ADD1
<i>Council Implementing Regulation implementing Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1183/2005 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against persons acting in violation of the arms embargo with regard to the Democratic Republic of the Congo</i> <a href="#">OJ L 345, 19.10.2020, p. 1–5</a>	10915/20 + ADD 1
<i>Council implementing Decision 2013/255/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Syria</i> Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2020/1506 of 16 October 2020 implementing Decision 2013/255/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Syria <a href="#">OJ L 342L, 16.10.2020, p. 6–10</a>	11585/20
<i>Council Implementing Regulation implementing Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria</i> Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1505 of 16 October 2020 implementing Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria <a href="#">OJ L 342L, 16.10.2020, p. 1–5</a>	11587/20

<b>3776th meeting of the Council of the European Union (Agriculture and Fisheries) held in Luxembourg on 19 October 2020</b> (Minutes: 12136/20)		
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<i>Organic farming regulation proposal</i> Regulation (EU) 2020/1693 of the Council of 11 November 2020 amending Regulation (EU) 2018/848 on organic production and labelling of organic products as regards its date of application and certain other dates referred to in that Regulation (Text with EEA relevance) <a href="#">OJ L 381, 13.11.2020, p. 1–3</a>		34/20
NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTS		
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<i>Council Decision on the signing and provisional application of the Fisheries Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Union and the Cook Islands</i> Council Decision (EU) 2020/1545 of 19 October 2020 on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Government of the Cook Islands concerning an extension of the Protocol on the implementation of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the Cook Islands <a href="#">OJ L 356, 26.10.2020, p. 7–8</a>		11261/20 11271/20
<i>Council Decision (EU) 2020/1545 of 19 October 2020 on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Government of the Cook Islands concerning an extension of the Protocol on the implementation of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the Cook Islands</i> <a href="#">OJ L 356, 26.10.2020, p. 9–10</a>		11271/20
<i>Council Decision concerning restrictive measures against ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaeda and persons, groups, undertakings and entities associated with them - review</i> Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/1516 of 19 October 2020 amending Decision (CFSP) 2016/1693 concerning restrictive measures against ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaeda and persons, groups, undertakings and entities associated with them <a href="#">OJ L 348, 20.10.2020, p. 15–15</a>		11100/20

<i>Council Decision establishing a European Security and Defence College, repealing Council Decision 2016/2382/CFSP</i> Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/1515 of 19 October 2020 establishing a European Security and Defence College, and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2016/2382 <a href="#">OJ L 348. 20.10.2020, p. 1–14</a>	10068/20
<i>Council Decision on the EU position in the Convention for the Conservation of Salmon in the North Atlantic Ocean as regards the application for accession to that Convention submitted by the United Kingdom</i> Council Decision (EU) 2020/1517 of 19 October 2020 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the Council of the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organisation established by the Convention for the Conservation of Salmon in the North Atlantic Ocean as regards the application for accession to that Convention submitted by the United Kingdom and repealing Decision (EU) 2019/937 <a href="#">OJ L 348. 20.10.2020, p. 16–18</a>	11250/20
<b>Written procedure completed on 20 October 2020</b>	<b>CM 4185/20</b>
Council Implementing Decision setting out a recommendation on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2019 evaluation of Hungary on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of police cooperation	11279/20
<b>Written procedure completed on 20 October 2020</b>	<b>CM 4186/20</b>
Council Implementing Decision setting out a recommendation on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2019 evaluation of Hungary on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of the Schengen Information System	11281/20
<b>Written procedure completed on 20 October 2020</b>	<b>CM 4188/20</b>
Council Implementing Decision setting out a recommendation on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2019 evaluation of Slovakia on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of the Schengen Information System	11285/20
<b>Written procedure completed on 20 October 2020</b>	<b>CM 4189/20</b>
Council Implementing Decision setting out a recommendation on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2019 evaluation of Slovakia on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of police cooperation	11288/20
<b>Written procedure completed on 20 October 2020</b>	<b>CM 4190/20</b>
Council Implementing Decision setting out a recommendation on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2019 evaluation of Slovakia on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of the common visa policy	11290/20
<b>Written procedure completed on 20 October 2020</b>	<b>CM 4191/20</b>
Council Implementing Decisions setting out a recommendation on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2019 evaluation of Germany on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of return	11296/20

<b>Written procedure completed on 20 October 2020</b>	<b>CM 4192/20</b>
Council Implementing Decision setting out a recommendation on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2020 evaluation of Germany on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of return	11298/20
<b>Written procedure completed on 22 October 2020</b>	<b>CM 4129/20</b>
<i>Council Decision amending Decision (CFSP) 2019/797 concerning restrictive measures against cyber-attacks threatening the Union or its Member States</i>	11275/20
Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/1537 of 22 October 2020 amending Decision (CFSP) 2019/797 concerning restrictive measures against cyber-attacks threatening the Union or its Member States <a href="#">OJ L 351I, 22.10.2020, p. 5–7</a>	
<i>Council Implementing Regulation implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/796 concerning restrictive measures against cyber-attacks threatening the Union or its Member States</i>	11277/20
Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1536 of 22 October 2020 of implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/796 concerning restrictive measures against cyber-attacks threatening the Union or its Member States <a href="#">OJ L 351I, 22.10.2020, p. 1–4</a>	
<b>Written procedure completed on 22 October 2020</b>	<b>CM 4246/20</b>
<i>Council Decision appointing a member of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025</i>	11573/20
Council Decision (EU) 2020/1555 of 22 October 2020 appointing a member of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025 <a href="#">OJ L 355, 26.10.2020, p. 1–2</a>	
<b>Written procedure completed on 22 October 2020</b>	<b>CM 4248/20 + CORI</b>
Council Recommendation amending the Council Recommendation (EU) 2020/912 of 30 June 2020 on the temporary restriction on non-essential travel into the EU and the possible lifting of such restriction	11701/20
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<i>Directive on drinking water (recast)</i>	6230/20
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Position of the Council at first reading with a view to the adoption of a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the quality of water intended for human consumption (recast) Statement of the Council's reasons	6230/20 ADD 1
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<p><i>Council Decision amending Council Decision on the EU position at the IMO/MEPC 75/MSC 102 as regards adoption of amendments</i></p> <p>Council Decision (EU) 2020/1580 of 23 October 2020 amending Decision (EU) 2020/721 to include the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the International Maritime Organization's Marine Environment Protection Committee during its 75th session and within the International Maritime Organization's Maritime Safety Committee during its 102nd session as regards the approval of an MSC-MEPC.5 circular on a Model agreement for the authorization of recognized organizations acting on behalf of the Administration</p> <p><a href="#">OJ L 362, 30.10.2020, p. 15–17</a></p>	11340/20
<p><i>Council Decision on the EU position at meetings of the parties to the Agreement on Fisheries in the Central Arctic Ocean</i></p> <p>Council Decision (EU) 2020/1582 of 23 October 2020 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the meetings of the Parties to the Agreement to prevent unregulated high seas fisheries in the Central Arctic Ocean</p> <p><a href="#">OJ L 362, 30.10.2020, p. 20–22</a></p>	11391/20
<p><i>Council Decision on the EU position within the EU-Armenia Partnership Committee as regards the amendment of the list of arbitrators</i></p> <p>Council Decision (EU) 2020/1583 of 23 October 2020 on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the Partnership Committee established by the Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Armenia, of the other part, as regards the replacement of the list of individuals to serve as arbitrators in dispute-settlement proceedings</p> <p><a href="#">OJ L 362, 30.10.2020, p. 23–24</a></p>	11411/20
<p><i>Council Decision on the EU Position on EU Georgia Association Committee concerning the update of Annex XIII (Approximation of customs legislation) to the Agreement</i></p> <p>Council Decision (EU) 2020/1581 of 23 October 2020 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Association Committee in Trade configuration established by the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part, regarding the update of Annex XIII (Approximation of customs legislation) to the Agreement</p>	11387/20

<a href="#">OJ L 362, 30.10.2020, p. 18–19</a>		11263/20
<i>Council Decision on the signing and provisional application of the Fisheries Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Union and the Mauritania</i> Council Decision (EU) 2020/1704 of 23 October 2020 on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania on an extension to the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, expiring on 15 November 2020 <a href="#">OJ L 383, 16.11.2020, p. 1–2</a>		11315/20
Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania on an extension to the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, expiring on 15 November 2020 <a href="#">OJ L 383, 16.11.2020, p. 3–6</a>		11815/1/20 REV 1 11438/20 9687/20
<i>Council Decision on the signing of a Protocol to the Agreement on the international occasional carriage of passengers by coach and bus (Interbus Agreement)</i> Council Decision (EU) 2020/1705 of 23 October 2020 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of a Protocol to the Agreement on the international occasional carriage of passengers by coach and bus (Interbus Agreement) regarding the international regular and special regular carriage of passengers by coach and bus <a href="#">OJ L 385, 17.11.2020, p. 1–2</a>		11816/20 11647/20 11649/20
<i>Council Decision on the EU position in the Joint Consultative Working Group as regards the adoption of its rules of procedure</i> Council Decision (EU) 2020/1599 of 23 October 2020 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the Joint Consultative Working Group established by the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community as regards the adoption of its rules of procedure <a href="#">OJ L 365, 3.11.2020, p. 3–8</a>		6047/20
<i>Relations with Central America - Accession of Croatia and provisional application of the Protocol to the EU-Central America Association Agreement</i> Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union and its Member States, and provisional application of the Protocol to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and Central America, on the other, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union Protocol to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and Central America, on the other, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union		6049/1/20 REV 1

<p><i>Council Decision concerning restrictive measures against the Republic of Guinea - review</i></p> <p>Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/1556 of 23 October 2020 amending Decision 2010/638/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Republic of Guinea</p> <p><a href="#">OJ L 355, 26.10.2020, p. 3–3</a></p>	11405/20
<p><b>Written procedure completed on 22 October 2020</b></p> <p><i>The EU contribution</i></p> <p>EU contribution to the political declaration to be agreed at the 2021 special session of the United Nations General Assembly against corruption and to the process leading to it</p>	<p><b>CM 4229/20</b></p> <p>11920/20</p>
<p><b>Written procedure completed on 23 October 2020</b></p> <p>Information note for EU Coordination in preparation for the 221st session of the ICAO Council (Montréal, 26 October - 13 November 2020)</p>	<b>CM 4205/20</b>
<p><b>Written procedure completed on 23 October 2020</b></p> <p><i>Council Implementing Decision granting temporary support under Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to Hungary to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak - Adoption</i></p> <p>Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1561 of 23 October 2020 granting temporary support under Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to Hungary to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak</p> <p><a href="#">OJ L 357, 27.10.2020, p. 24–28</a></p>	<p><b>CM 4269/20</b></p> <p>11592/20</p>
<p><b>Danish declaration at the time of adoption in written procedure</b></p> <p>Denmark can approve the adoption of the Council Implementing Decision granting temporary support to Hungary under the SURE Regulation, based on the understanding of the Commission's answers to questions raised during the technical discussions, that the implementing act and bilateral loan agreement will comply with the EU's fundamental rights, including non-discrimination, which is a priority for Denmark.</p>	
<p><b>Written procedure completed on 26 October 2020</b></p> <p>Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization in respect of the adoption of Amendments 46 and 39 to Annex 6, Parts I and II, to the International Civil Aviation Convention, related to deferral of the future equipage requirement for 25-hour cockpit voice recorder to avoid unintended consequences due to the COVID-19 contingency</p>	<p><b>CM 4207/20</b></p> <p>11757/2020 + COR1</p>

<p><b>Malta's Written Statement on the Council Decision on the EU position in the reply to ICAO as regards the notification of differences to Annexes 1, 3, 4, 6, 10, 11, 14, 15 and 16 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation and in the Council of the ICAO in respect of the adoption of Amendments 46 and 39 to Annex 6 to that Convention (COVID-19 contingency)</b></p> <p>Malta agrees with the urgency to adopt an EU position in view of the ICAO Council in respect of the adoption of Amendments 46 and 39 to Annex 6 to that Convention and supports the conclusion to split the Council decision. In this context, Malta reiterates that a Council Decision is not considered to be appropriate in order to establish a Union position on the filing of differences, and highlights that Article 1(2), and the reference to “notify compliance” therein, in particular, should be without prejudice to the ongoing discussions on the procedure for EU Member States to notify ICAO of differences to the Chicago Convention and its Annexes, and should not constitute a precedent in this regard.</p>	
<p><b>Written procedure completed on 29 October 2020</b></p> <p><i>Council Implementing Decision authorising Sweden to apply a reduced rate of taxation to electricity directly provided to vessels at berth in a port in accordance with Article 19 of Directive 2003/96/EC</i></p> <p>Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1674 of 29 October 2020 authorising Sweden to apply a reduced rate of taxation to electricity directly provided to vessels at berth in a port, in accordance with Article 19 of Directive 2003/96/EC <a href="#">OJ L 378, 12.11.2020, p. 3–4</a></p>	<p><b>CM 4054/20</b></p> <p>11119/20</p>
<p><b>Written procedure completed on 29 October 2020</b></p> <p><i>Council Implementing Decision authorising France to apply a reduced rate of taxation to electricity directly provided to vessels at berth in a port in accordance with Article 19 of Directive 2003/96/EC</i></p> <p>Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1629 of 29 October 2020 authorising France to apply a reduced rate of taxation to electricity directly provided to vessels at berth in a port, in accordance with Article 19 of Directive 2003/96/EC <a href="#">OJ L 366, 4.11.2020, p. 15–16</a></p>	<p><b>CM 4055/20</b></p> <p>11192/20</p>
<p><b>Written procedure completed on 29 October 2020</b></p> <p><i>Selection of the WTO Director-General</i></p> <p>Endorsement</p>	<p><b>CM 4313/20</b></p> <p>WK 11438/20</p>
<p><b>Written procedure completed on 29 October 2020</b></p> <p><i>Council Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Burundi</i></p> <p>Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1578 of 29 October 2020 implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1755 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Burundi <a href="#">OJ L 362, 30.10.2020, p. 1–2</a></p>	<p><b>CM 4274/20</b></p> <p>11596/20</p>

<p>Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/1585 of 29 October 2020 amending Decision (CFSP) 2015/1763 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Burundi  <a href="#">OJ L 362, 30.10.2020, p. 27–28</a></p>	11594/20
<p><i>Council Decision concerning restrictive measures against the leadership of the Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova</i>  Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/1586 of 29 October 2020 amending Decision 2010/573/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the leadership of the Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova  <a href="#">OJ L 362, 30.10.2020, p. 29–29</a></p>	11754/20 + COR 1
<p><b>Written procedure completed on 29 October 2020</b></p>	
<p><i>Council Decision on the financial contributions to be paid by Member States to finance the European Development Fund, including the third instalment for 2020</i></p>	CM 4162/20 11857/20
<p>Council Decision (EU) 2020/1587 of 29 October 2020 on the financial contributions to be paid by Member States to finance the European Development Fund, including the third instalment for 2020  <a href="#">OJ L 362, 30.10.2020, p. 30–32</a></p>	
<p><b>Written procedure completed on 29 October 2020</b></p>	
<p><i>Council Regulation fixing for 2021 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Baltic Sea, and amending Regulation (EU) 2020/123 as regards certain fishing opportunities in other waters</i>  Council Regulation (EU) 2020/1579 of 29 October 2020 fixing for 2021 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Baltic Sea and amending Regulation (EU) 2020/123 as regards certain fishing opportunities in other waters  <a href="#">OJ L 362, 30.10.2020, p. 3–14</a></p>	CM 3829/20 11882/20
<p><b>Joint Statement by Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Sweden and the Commission on swaps of Eastern Baltic cod quota</b></p> <p>In a spirit of solidarity, those Member States who do not need their entire by-catch quota for Eastern Baltic cod will endeavour to agree on quota exchanges with a Member State which can demonstrate that it will be confronted with a choke effect due to its limited Eastern Baltic cod quota.  The Member States in the Baltic Sea and the Commission will assess the adequacy of these swaps ahead of the fixing of the fishing opportunities for 2022.</p>	11886/1/20 REVI

<p>Joint Statement by Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Sweden on the management of the eastern <b>Baltic cod quota by the Russian Federation</b></p>	<p>Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Sweden and Poland urge the Commission to take all possible steps to reach an agreement with the Russian Federation on the management of the eastern Baltic cod quota in line with the scientific advice. Given the current condition of the eastern Baltic cod stock, it is imperative that the responsibility of rebuilding of the stock is shared fairly among all states having an interest in the management of cod. Taking necessary measures for the restoration of the stock solely by the European Union without the participation of the Russian Federation will not ensure that negative impacts of fishing activities on the cod stock are minimised.</p>	
<p><b>Joint Statement by Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Sweden on the need to find the cause of the increase of natural mortality of cod</b></p>	<p>Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Sweden and Poland will take necessary actions to investigate the increase of natural mortality of cod, which is higher than fishing mortality. Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Sweden and Poland urge the Commission also to increase the EMFF funding from its financial envelope on joint scientific research projects intended for investigation of natural mortality growth of the cod in the Baltic Sea.</p>	
<p><b>Joint Statement by the Commission, Estonia and Finland on survivability of salmon in the Gulf of Finland</b></p>	<p>Finland and Estonia commit to providing ICES with the relevant scientific information to address the reported uncertainty around salmon discarding and survival. The Commission will request ICES to better develop the science and understanding concerning the reported uncertainty around salmon discarding and survival.</p>	
<p><b>Joint Statement by the Commission, Finland and Sweden on herring in the Gulf of Bothnia</b></p>	<p>The Commission will encourage ICES to finalise an analytical assessment for herring in the Gulf of Bothnia and to produce new advice for that stock in 2021. Where justified on the basis of that advice, the Commission will consider submitting a proposal for an in-year amendment of the 2021 TAC for herring in the Gulf of Bothnia.</p>	
<p><b>Joint Statement by the Commission, Denmark, Germany, Poland and Sweden on herring in the Western Baltic Sea</b></p>	<p>The stock of Spring Spawning Herring is managed in two areas: The Western Baltic Sea (subdivisions 22 - 24) and Skagerrak and Kattegatt (subarea 3a). Therefore, consistency of TAC setting between the two management areas is needed.</p>	

<p><b>Joint Statement by Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Sweden and the Commission on the stocks shared with Russia</b></p>	<p>Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Sweden find that scientific advice should be handled separately from sharing arrangements. Therefore, aforementioned Member States consider that all biological components of the scientific advice such as migration, seal damaged fish and other stock specific components should be taken into account before applying sharing arrangements. The Commission will initiate discussions on an appropriate methodology reflecting the above issues in the context of the Joint Baltic Sea Fisheries Committee.</p>
<p><b>Joint Statement by Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Sweden on the application of Article 15(9) in the Basic Regulation for Eastern cod in 2021</b></p>	<p>Given that the biomass of the stock of eastern Baltic cod is below Blim and that only by-catch and scientific fisheries will be permitted in 2021, in order to ensure the recovery of the stocks in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/1139, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Sweden undertake not to make use of inter-annual flexibility under Article 15(9) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 for transfers from 2020 to 2021. This undertaking is a response to the current exceptional circumstances for the eastern cod stock.</p>
<p><b>Joint Statement by the Commission and Germany on the option of support for the temporary cessation of fishing activities by the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Point (a) of Article 5(3) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 July 2016 establishing a multiannual plan for the stocks of cod, herring and sprat in the Baltic Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks allows the Member States to adopt emergency measures in accordance with Article 13 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy.</li> <li>2. Given the assessment of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) on cod and the herring in in Subdivisions 22-24 Germany therefore deems it necessary to adopt emergency measures in accordance with Article 13(1) of Regulation 1380/2013. The emergency measures consist of limitation of fishing activities in Subdivisions 22-24 by additional 30 days for German fishing vessels fishing for cod and 20 days for vessels fishing for herring.</li> <li>3. The Commission and Germany agree that this emergency measure under point (a) of Article 33(1) of Regulation (EU) No 508 /2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 2328/2003 is eligible for funding from the EMFF and might also be eligible under the forthcoming</li> </ol>

EMFF Regulation, in accordance with the conditions therein.	
<b>Joint statement by Latvia and Lithuania regarding the 2021 TAC variation for herring in subdivisions 25-27, 28.2, 29, 32 for 2021</b>	
Lithuania and Latvia understand the rationale of the proposal by the Commission, which is in line with the latest ICES advice, issued in May 2020, and the provisions of the Baltic Sea multiannual plan. However, Lithuania and Latvia consider that a stepwise approach would take into account the specificities of the pelagic fisheries in the Baltic Sea and avoid drastic TAC fluctuations. Therefore, Lithuania and Latvia regret that the TAC for central herring, one of the most important stocks for the Baltic pelagic fleet, has been set without providing stability for the sector. Lithuania and Latvia urge the Commission and the Council to explore possible legal solutions in a future legal framework to ensure that yearly fluctuations of fishing opportunities would not exceed 20%, especially given the difficult fisheries situation in the Baltic Sea.	
<b>Written procedure completed on 30 October 2020</b>	<b>CM 4430/20</b>
<i>Council Recommendation on a coordinated approach to the restriction of free movement in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in the Schengen area</i>	12224/20
Council Recommendation (EU) 2020/1632 of 30 October 2020 on a coordinated approach to the restriction of free movement in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in the Schengen area <a href="#">OJL 366, 4.11.2020, p. 25-26</a>	
<b>Written procedure completed on 30 October 2020</b>	<b>CM 4417/20</b>
Approval of transfer of appropriations No DEC 21/2020 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2020	11884/20
<b>Written procedure completed on 30 October 2020</b>	<b>CM 4310/20</b>
Council recommendation on A Bridge to Jobs - Reinforcing the Youth Guarantee and replacing Council Recommendation of 22 April 2013 on establishing a Youth Guarantee	11320/20
<b>Written procedure completed on 30 October 2020</b>	<b>CM 4327/20</b>
Democratic Republic of the Congo restrictive measures - pre-notifications	12231/20 REV 1
<b>Written procedure completed on 30 October 2020</b>	<b>CM 4414/20</b>
Council's position on DAB No 9/2020 accompanying the proposal to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Croatia and Poland in relation to a natural disaster and to provide for the payment of advances to Croatia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Portugal and Spain in relation to a public health emergency	11807/20

<p><b>Statement by Spain on the DAB No 9/2020 and the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund</b></p> <p><u>Spain</u> fully supports this instrument but we are in total disagreement with the procedure followed by the Commission in the proposal to provide for the payment of advances to Croatia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Portugal and Spain in relation to a public health emergency.</p> <p>The Commission has not followed the normal procedure of communication to the Member States the decision on the amounts and did not follow-up the corresponding contradictory procedure.</p>	
<p>Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Croatia and Poland in relation to a natural disaster and to provide for the payment of advances to Croatia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Portugal and Spain in relation to a public health emergency</p>	11809/20
<p>Approval of transfers of appropriations No DEC 17/2020 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2020</p>	11470/20
<p><b>Statement by Austria, Denmark, The Netherlands and Sweden on transfer No DEC 17/2020</b></p> <p>The recovery of unused funds from a programme where the legal base has expired violates the budgetary principles of annuality and accuracy as set out in the financial regulation and thus cannot be considered a good budgeting practice. The possibility to reactivate unused funds set out in Article 32(1) of the Financial Regulation should in our opinion be used only in exceptional cases where there is an urgent need for funds and the programme cannot be financed otherwise. The Commission has been unsuccessful in showing the urgency and necessity of the transfer, which is why we, <u>AT, DK, NL and SE</u>, will abstain from voting.</p>	
<p>Approval of transfers of appropriations No DEC 18/2020 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2020</p>	11680/20
<p>Approval of transfers of appropriations No DEC 19/2020 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2020</p>	11681/20
<p>Approval of transfers of appropriations No DEC 20/2020 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2020</p>	11883/20
<p><b>Statement by Austria, Denmark, the Netherlands and Sweden on transfer No DEC 20/2020</b></p> <p>"The recovery of unused funds from a programme where the legal base has expired violates the budgetary principles of annuality and accuracy as set out in the financial regulation and thus cannot be considered a good budgeting practice. The possibility to reactivate unused funds set out in Article 32(1) of the Financial Regulation should in our opinion be used only in exceptional cases where there is an urgent need for funds and the programme cannot be financed otherwise. The Commission has in this case demonstrated the urgency and necessity of the transfer, which is why we can support it.</p>	

<b>Written procedure completed on 30 October 2020</b>	<b>CM 4427/20</b>
Council Decision appointing a member of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025	12117/20

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