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SUMMARY RECORD
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE
16, 18 and 20 November 2020

I. Adoption of the agenda

12926/2/20 REV 2 OJ CRP2 43
12983/20 OJ CRP1 43 + COR 1

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)

MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2020

General Affairs

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| 2. | Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027 and Recovery Package | 12794/20 + COR 1 |
| a) | MFF 2021-2027 Regulation
<i>Agreement in principle</i> | 12792/20 + ADD 1 |
| b) | IIA
<i>Endorsement</i> | 12791/20 + ADD 1 |
| c) | Joint and unilateral declarations
<i>Endorsement</i> | 12793/20 |

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| d) | Regulation on the protection of the Union budget
<i>Confirmation of the final compromise text with a view to agreement</i> | 12616/20 + COR 1 |
| e) | European Recovery Instrument
<i>Endorsement</i> | 9785/2/20 REV 2 |
| f) | Own Resources decision
<i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption of the legislative act</i> | 10046/20
+ REV 1 |

The Committee held an exchange of views and took note that while the necessary qualified majority was present for the Regulation on the protection of the Union budget, the necessary unanimity to launch the written procedure on the Own Resources decision could not be found and that there was no unanimity on the MFF Regulation either. The Committee agreed to revert on this issue at one of its forthcoming meetings.

Statement by Austria

regarding ITER climate contributions on items 2a (Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027 and Recovery Package – MFF 2021-2027 Regulation) and 2b (Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027 and Recovery Package – IIA)

"The Commission's declaration regarding climate contributions per programme indicates the following for the „International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor“ (ITER): an expected contribution of 100% in view of achieving an overall target of at least 30% of the total amount of the Union budget and NGEU expenditures. In this context, Austria recalls that the targets in sectoral legislation/programmes shall comply with the objective of EU climate neutrality by 2050 and contribute to achieving the Union's new 2030 climate targets. However, ITER will not contribute to achieving the Union's new 2030 climate targets and the objective of EU climate neutrality by 2050 as the research and experimental reactor will not produce any electric energy within the next years. Likewise, even the follow-up project DEMO (DEMONstration power plant) will not yet be in a position to contribute to the goals of the Paris Agreement. It will rather lead to a net negative effect in CO² emissions during its construction.

Given,

- that the European Court of Auditors has highlighted that the EU climate coefficients applied in certain areas failed to respect the conservativeness principle developed by the World Bank and
- that these coefficients also diverge from the OECD classification framework and
- don't account for the negative impacts of investments,

EU expenditure for ITER should not be counted as a contribution to the overall climate target of 30%."

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| 3. | Covid-19 - EU coordination - Preparation of leaders' VTC on 19 November 2020
<i>Exchange of views</i> | 12559/20 |
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The Committee held an exchange of views and took note of the information on the handling of the VTC on 19 November 2020.

WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2020

General Affairs

4. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of European Affairs
on 17 November 2020: Follow-up

The Committee took note of the main outcomes of the informal videoconference.

Foreign Affairs

5. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Foreign
Affairs/Development on 23 November 2020: Preparation

- a) Debt sustainability / Debt relief
Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the informal videoconference.

- b) Gender equality
Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the informal videoconference.

- c) Other items in connection with the informal
videoconference

The EEAS provided further information regarding the informal videoconference.

6. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs) on 7 December 2020:
Agenda

The EEAS presented the main items on the agenda.

7. Council Decision establishing a European Peace Facility
State of play

12645/20

The Committee took note of the information provided and agreed to revert on this item at a later stage.

48. EU-Australia Leaders VTC
State of play

The Committee agreed to postpone this item until its next meeting.

Economic and Financial Affairs

8. Meeting of the Council (Economic and Financial Affairs) on
1 December 2020: Preparation
Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Committee took note that the Council will be transformed into an informal videoconference and agreed to withdraw the SGP item from the agenda.

9. (poss.) Recovery and Resilience Facility
Debriefing

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the first two trilogues with the European Parliament.

Justice and Home Affairs

10. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Home Affairs on
13 November 2020: Follow-up

The Committee took note of the main outcomes of the informal videoconference.

12. Meeting of the Council (Justice and Home Affairs) on
4 December 2020: Preparation

- a) Pact on Migration and Asylum
Policy debate

12904/20

The Committee held an exchange of views and agreed to revert on this issue at its next meeting.

- b) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Presidency provided further information regarding the Council meeting.

FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2020

General Affairs

80. (poss.) EU-UK negotiations
State of play

The Committee took note of the information provided, held an exchange of views, and agreed to revert on this issue at its next meeting.

COREPER (PART 1)

Transport, Telecommunications and Energy

50. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Telecommunications on 7 December 2020: Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda of the informal videoconference of the Ministers of Telecommunications.

Internal Market and Industry

51. Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 715/2007 on type approval of motor vehicles with respect to emissions from light passenger and commercial vehicles (Euro 5 and Euro 6)
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the outcome of the trilogue of 10 November 2020.

52. Regulation on Single Market Programme 12775/20
Preparation for the trilogue

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

Competitiveness

53. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Research on 27 November 2020: Preparation

Exchange of views on the new Research and Development (R&D) investment targets as proposed by the European Commission in its Communication "A new ERA for Research and Innovation" - next steps following the Council Conclusions on the Future of the European Research Area (ERA)
Policy debate

The Committee prepared this item for the informal videoconference of the Ministers of Research.

Education, Youth, Culture and Sport

54. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Education on 30 November 2020: Preparation

1. Commitment to freedom of expression and European values
Expression of solidarity for the victims of the terrorist attacks in Europe

The Committee prepared this item for the informal videoconference of the Ministers of Education.

2. Shaping the European Education Area and the next strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training the way forward
Policy debate

The Committee prepared this item for the informal videoconference of the Ministers of Education.

Culture/Audiovisual Matters

55. Conclusions on gender equality in the field of culture 12606/20 + ADD 1
12815/20
Preparation for the approval
Decision to use the written procedure

The Committee held an exchange of views. The Presidency announced that it would issue the text in the form of Presidency conclusions.

Education, Youth, Culture and Sport

56. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Culture and Audiovisual on 1 December 2020: Preparation

Preparing for the future - Recovery of the culture and media sector from the Covid-19 pandemic
Policy debate

The Committee prepared this item for the informal videoconference of the Ministers of Culture and Audiovisual.

57. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Sport on 1 December 2020: Preparation

International sporting events during the COVID 19 pandemic
Policy debate

The Committee prepared this item for the informal videoconference of the Ministers of Sport.

58. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Youth on 30 November 2020: Preparation

Youth mobility during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond – Revitalising international youth exchanges and cross-border volunteering activities
Policy debate

The Committee prepared this item for the informal videoconference of the Ministers of Youth.

Fisheries

59. Regulation establishing a multiannual management plan for bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean amending Regulations (EC) No 1936/2001, (EU) 2017/2107, and (EU) 2019/833 and repealing Regulation (EU) 2016/1627
12889/20 + ADD 1
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the outcome of the trilogue of 10 November 2020.

Transport, Telecommunications and Energy

60. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Transport on 8 December 2020: Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda of the informal videoconference of the Ministers of Transport.

Transport

61. Decision on a European Year of Rail (2021)
12799/20 + ADD 1
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue
Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the outcome of the trilogue of 12 November 2020. The Committee endorsed the text of the final compromise and mandated the Presidency to inform the European Parliament that, should the European Parliament adopt its position at first reading in accordance with this compromise (subject to revision by the legal linguists), the Council would approve the European Parliament's position and the act shall be adopted.

Environment

62. Regulation on European Climate Law
13013/20
Guidance for further work

The Committee held an exchange of views and provided guidance for further work.

IV. Any other business

COREPER (PART 2)

Turkey actions

The Committee took note of the information provided by Cyprus and Greece on the latest actions by Turkey.

Budget procedure for 2021

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency.

Informal videoconference of the ministers responsible for Justice

The Committee took note of the information that the videoconference will need to be advanced to 2 December 2020.

COREPER (PART 1)

Advance purchase agreements for vaccines
Information from the Commission

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Commission.

"I" items approved**COREPER (PART 2)****MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2020****Foreign Affairs**

13. Seventh Nigeria-EU Ministerial Dialogue 18 November 2020 -
Draft Joint Communiqué
Approval
Decision to use the written procedure
- 12881/20
12984/20
COAFR

Statement by Hungary

"Already since the beginning of the migration crisis, Hungary has consistently emphasized that migration is an extremely threatening and harmful process that we must fight by all means. This is particularly important in the current pandemic situation, as migration poses an extremely serious health and thus security risk, which endangers the health of the people of Europe, the functioning of national economies and thus the stability of Europe. In light of all this, Hungary does not support any form of migration."

WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2020**Judicial Affairs**

14. Case C-439/20 P (Commission v. Jiangsu Seraphim Solar System)
Information note for the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)
- 12685/20
JUR
15. Case C-441/20 P (Council v. Jiangsu Seraphim Solar System and Commission)
Information note for the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)
- 12689/20
JUR

Institutional Affairs**Appointments**

16. An alternate member (AT) of the Committee of the Regions
Adoption by silence procedure
- 12824/20
12823/20
CDR
17. An alternate member (EE) of the Committee of the Regions
Adoption by silence procedure
- 12827/20
12826/20
CDR

Economic and Financial Affairs

18. Council statement on international climate finance
Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption 12819/20
12820/20
ECOFIN
19. Regulation on the application of Union tariff rate quotas and
other import quotas 12838/20
Confirmation of the final compromise text with a view to
agreement 11925/20
UD
20. Transfer No DEC 2/2020 (Section VII - Committee of the
Regions) 12913/20
Approval FIN
Decision to use the written procedure

General Affairs

21. Rules of Procedure of the Court of Auditors 12854/20
Approval 12122/20
Decision to use the written procedure CMPT
AG
22. EP Resolutions and decisions (November I 2020) 12839/20
PE-RE

Justice and Home Affairs

23. Mutual evaluation reports 9th round (CY, PL, LU) 12615/20,
Approval 8250/1/20 REV 1
9197/1/20 REV 1
8395/1/20 REV 1
COPEN
24. Schengen evaluation Recommendation - Slovenia data
protection 12857/20
Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption 12856/20
SCH-EVAL
25. Schengen evaluation Recommendation - The Netherlands,
Spain, France and Switzerland Visa Policy 12046/20
Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption 12858/20
SCH-EVAL
26. EPPO - Process of the appointment of the European Prosecutors 12633/1/20 REV 1
Approval of letters 12515/1/20 REV 1
Decision to use the written procedure R-UE
12516/1/20 REV 1
R-UE
12739/20 R-UE
EPPO

Foreign Affairs

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| 27. | Conclusions on development aid to Kenya (CoA SR No 14/2020)
<i>Approval</i>
<i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> | 12471/20
12572/20
DEVGEN |
| 28. | Conclusions on Team Europe
<i>Approval</i>
<i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> | 12597/1/20 REV 1
12595/1/20 REV 1
DEVGEN |
| 29. | Report on EDA's Activities in 2020 | 12734/20
12682/20
CSDP/PSDC |
| 30. | Conclusions on Digital Diplomacy
<i>Approval</i>
<i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> | 12804/20
12805/20
CFSP/PESC |
| 31. | Council Decision establishing the list of projects to be developed under PESCO - update
<i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i> | 12780/20
12401/20
CORLX |
| 32. | Bekou Trust Fund extension: reply to the Commission
<i>Approval</i>
<i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> | 12340/20
DEVGEN |
| 33. | Trust Fund for Africa extension: reply to the Commission
<i>Approval</i>
<i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> | 12469/20
DEVGEN |
| 34. | Colombia Trust Fund extension: reply to the Commission
<i>Approval</i>
<i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> | 12470/20
DEVGEN |
| 35. | Regulation setting up a Union regime for dual-use items
<i>Confirmation of the final compromise text with a view to agreement</i> | 12798/20
COMER |
| 36. | Regulation on dual-use items: Union General Export Authorisation for the UK
<i>Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament</i> | 12807/20
COMER |
| 37. | Selection of the President of the EU-LAC International Foundation
<i>Endorsement</i>
<i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i> | 12886/1/20 REV 1
COLAC |

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| 38. | Council Decision on the conclusion of the EU-China agreement on geographical indications
<i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i> | 8358/20
8359/20
8361/20
WTO |
| 49. | Regulation of the EP and of the Council on the elimination of customs duties for certain products
<i>Confirmation of the final compromise text with a view to agreement</i> | 12890/20
10591/20 + ADD 1
WTO |
| 39. | Draft Communication on Trade and Health by the Ottawa Group members
<i>Approval</i>
<i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> | 12897/20
12900/20
WTO |
| 40. | Informal meeting of the members of the EU-Kosovo*
Stabilisation and Association Council (Brussels, 30 November 2020)
<i>Establishment of the EU position</i>
<i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i> | 12758/20
COWEB |
| 41. | 2020 Afghanistan Conference
a) Political communiqué
b) Afghanistan Partnership Framework
<i>Approval</i>
<i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> | 12896/20
12879/20
12882/20
COASI |
| 78. | Restrictive measures Tunisia: pre-notifications
<i>Approval</i>
<i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> | 12726/20
CORLX |
| 79. | Restrictive measures Ukraine: pre-notifications
<i>Approval</i>
<i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> | 12733/20
CORLX |

EU positions for international negotiations

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| 42. | Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the Union in the International Organisation for Vine and Wine (OIV) on 26 November 2020
<i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i> | 12447/1/20 REV 1
12451/20
OIV |
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* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 (1999) and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

43. Council Decision on the EU position to be taken at the 63rd Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on the scheduling of cannabis
Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption

12591/20
12563/20
CORDROGUE

Statement by Hungary

"In light of the following reasons, Hungary votes against the decision:

First and foremost we do not support a favourable EU approach concerning recommendation 5.1. As was said at the third CND-intersessional meeting, the international efforts on pushing back drug consumption have been unsuccessful. It is especially true to cannabis-consumption, the rate of which has risen sharply over the last decades. The 3rd intersessional meeting also highlighted that the synthetic cannabinoids are starting to become the most popular type among new psychoactive substances.

The risk of misinterpretation of the potential deletion of cannabis and cannabis resin from Schedule IV cannot be prevented by any sort of follow up communication, because the recommendation in itself already constitutes communication: according to the WHO's rationale, new evidence proved that the inclusion of cannabis and cannabis resin to the Schedule IV. of the Convention was unjustified, because the health risks of cannabis is lower, and its medical benefits are higher than originally believed. The Hungarian Government strongly oppose this interpretation: the addictive potential of THC is being continuously proven by the sharp increase of cannabis use in the last decades. It should also be taken into account that the THC-concentration of cannabis-plants cultivated to illicit recreational use is constantly rising.

Additionally, the recommendation lacks added value: Today, research and development of cannabis-related preparations for medical use is also possible under the current Scheduling and cannabis containing medicinal products can be placed on the market as well. The WHO itself admitted during the technical discussion that obstacles in the field of research did not serve as a reason for the recommendation.

For the reasons above Hungary takes the view that Cannabis and cannabis resin should not be deleted from Schedule IV of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs (1961) until robust evidence is available regarding its therapeutic benefits.

In addition, the Hungarian Government cannot support the recommendation 5.4. We believe that the claim that the definition of "preparation" pursuant Article 1. point s) of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs covers all substances currently handled as "extracts and tinctures of cannabis" is not sufficiently substantiated. The approval of the recommendation 5.4 will force the State Parties of the Convention to change their national legislations and breach the relatively uniform framework of the international cannabis-control. Currently, cannabis and every substance produced from it shall be handled in the same way, regardless of its THC-concentration. Recommendation 5.4 will allow State Parties to change this practice. In our opinion, it is not clear that State Parties will continue to handle substances containing only traces of THC, or substances which do not contain THC but contain drug-precursors or stereoisomers that can be transformed into THC as cannabis-preparations. The WHO and the UNODC failed to provide sufficient reasoning to dispel this concern. On the contrary, Recital 21 of the draft resolution claims "*The fact that diverse preparations with a variable concentration of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol are controlled within the same entry "Extract and Tinctures" and the same schedule is a challenge for responsible authorities that implement control measures in countries.*" In our interpretation, it means that by the result of the recommendation, State Parties will actually gain some discretion over this matter. For the abovementioned reasons, the Hungarian Government consider that recommendation 5.4 – just like in the case of recommendation 5.5. – most probably will weaken the uniform application of the Convention.

Finally, we do not support recital 28 in whereby the EU initiates further consultation with stakeholders on a recommendation on the appropriate level of the international control for cannabis preparations with low THC content. We believe this proposal goes far beyond the objectives of establishing an EU position of the currently existing WHO-recommendations. We believe this question should be a subject to a separate discussion. "

Statement by the Commission

"The Commission will not oppose the adoption of the revised text of the Union position for the scheduling of cannabis and cannabis related substances at the reconvened 63rd meeting of the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND), but wishes to make the following statements:

1. The Commission reiterate its position that the decisions concerned by this proposal are adopted by qualified majority and are a matter of exclusive Union competence because Union law, in this case in the area of drug control, will be directly and automatically affected by the scheduling decisions of the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs. The Commission underlines that this position refers to international scheduling decisions under the 1961 UN Convention on Narcotic Drugs and the 1971 UN Convention on Psychotropic Substances and not to drugs policy in general.

2. The Commission regrets the weakening of the text of recital 28 and the proposed deletion of the second part of point 5 in the Annex. While the scope of the compromise text is larger than the proposal of the Commission, the compromise text does not invite the WHO to urgently issue a revised recommendation for the revision of the level of international control for cannabidiol or cannabis preparations with low THC content. Such a revision is necessary to take into account the possible high value applications of cannabidiol, for example in the health, cosmetic and food sector, as well as the economic and environmental potential of industrial hemp cultivation. The Commission considers that the current status of cannabidiol needs to be addressed as soon as possible in view of the economic importance and environmental benefits of hemp production for EU producers."

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| 44. | Council Decision on EU position in the EU-Pacific Interim Partnership Agreement Trade Committee regarding the establishment of the Rules of Procedure of the Trade Committee and the Rules of Procedure of the Special Committees
<i>Adoption</i> | 12759/20
11958/20
11960/20
ACP |
| 45. | Council Decision on the EU position in the EU-SADC EPA Joint Council regarding the adjustments in Annex IV of the EPA
<i>Adoption</i> | 12761/20
12375/20
12376/20
ACP |
| 46. | Council Decision on the EU position to be taken in the EU-Japan EPA Joint Committee regarding the amendment of the annex on motor vehicles and parts
<i>Approval</i>
<i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> | 12429/1/20 REV 1
12430/20
12431/20
WTO |
| 47. | Renewal of the appointment of the current Executive Director of the International Sugar Organisation
<i>Approval</i>
<i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> | 12748/20
PROBA |

COREPER (PART 1)

Institutional Affairs

Written questions

63. Replies to questions for written answer submitted to the Council by Members of the European Parliament
Adoption by silence procedure 12871/20
PE-QE
- a) Alexis Georgoulis (GUE/NGL), Petros Kokkalis (GUE/NGL), Elena Kountoura (GUE/NGL), Konstantinos Arvanitis (GUE/NGL), Stelios Kouloglou (GUE/NGL)
"Urgent question on developments relating to Hagia Sophia" 12796/20
- b) Gianantonio Da Re (ID)
"Issues relating to the dual seat of the European Parliament" 12309/20

Judicial Affairs

64. Cases C-541/20 and C-541/20 R (the Republic of Lithuania v the European Parliament and the Council)
Information note for the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1) 12757/20
JUR

EU positions for international negotiations

65. Council Decision on the EU submission of proposals to amend Annex IV and certain entries in Annexes II and IX to the Basel Convention and on the EU position as regards proposals to amend Annex IV and certain entries in Annexes II, VII and IX to that Convention
Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption 12803/1/20 REV 1
12285/20
ENV

Employment and Social Policy

66. Conclusions on combating child poverty (CoA SR No 20/2020)
Approval
Decision to use the written procedure 12811/20
12847/20
SOC
67. Conclusions on the 2021 Annual Sustainable Growth Strategy
Approval
Decision to use the written procedure 12846/20
12813/20
SOC

Youth

68. Conclusions on fostering democratic awareness and democratic engagement among young people in Europe
Approval
Decision to use the written procedure
- 12574/20 + ADD 1
12840/20
JEUN

Statement by Poland

"Equality between women and men is enshrined in the treaties of the European Union as a fundamental right. Poland ensures equality between women and men within the 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 place where the documents refer to gender equality and gender-sensitive approach Poland will interpret it as a equality between women and men, according to Article 8 TFEU."

69. Resolution on the framework for establishing a European Youth Work Agenda
Approval
Decision to use the written procedure
- 12576/20 + ADD 1
12841/20
JEUN

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Sport

70. Resolution on the European Union Work Plan for sport
Approval
Decision to use the written procedure
- 12579/20
+ ADD 1 - 2
12842/20
SPORT

Statement by Hungary

"Equality between women and men is enshrined in the treaties of the European Union as a fundamental right. Hungary ensures equality between women and men within the framework of the Hungarian 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 place where the resolution refers to gender equality Hungary interprets it in line with the content and scope of Article 8 TFEU."

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| 71. Conclusions on promoting cross-sectoral cooperation for the benefit of sport and physical activity in the society
<i>Approval</i>
<i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> | 12580/20
12844/20 + COR 1
SPORT |
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Education

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| 72. Conclusions on digital education in Europe's knowledge societies
<i>Approval</i>
<i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> | 12679/20
+ ADD 1 - 2
12809/20
EDUC |
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| 73. Council Recommendation on vocational education and training (VET) for sustainable competitiveness, social fairness and resilience
<i>Adoption</i>
<i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> | 12596/20
+ ADD 1 - 2
12808/20
EDUC |
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Statement by Hungary

"Hungary declares regarding recital 9 of the Council Recommendation on vocational education and training (VET) for sustainable competitiveness, social fairness and resilience that mentioning the Commission's Communication on a Union of Equality: Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025 (hereinafter referred to as "Strategy") is not acceptable for Hungary, because its text was not consulted with the Member States, neither negotiated in the Council. The Strategy uses and further expands the gender definition of the Istanbul Convention, which is not ratified by Hungary. Hungary states that equality between women and men is enshrined in the Treaties of the European Union as a fundamental right. Hungary ensures equality between women and men within the framework of the Hungarian national legal system in accordance with internationally binding human rights instruments and within the framework of fundamental values and principles of the European Union. In this context, Hungary interprets the concept of "gender" in the text of the Council Recommendation as a reference to sex."

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Culture/Audiovisual Matters

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| 74. | Conclusions on safeguarding a free and pluralistic media system | 12754/20 + ADD 1 |
| | <i>Approval</i> | 12814/20 |
| | <i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> | AUDIO |

Internal Market and Industry

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| 75. | Conclusions on public investment through public procurement:
Sustainable recovery and boosting of a resilient EU economy | 12743/20 |
| | <i>Approval</i> | 12802/20 |
| | <i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> | MAP |

Delegated or Implementing Acts

Agriculture

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| 76. | Commission Regulation (EU) .../... of XXX amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council listing co-formulants which are not accepted for inclusion in plant protection products | 12688/20 |
| | <i>Decision not to oppose adoption</i> | 12233/20 + ADD 1 |
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77. Commission Regulation (EU) .../... of XXX amending Regulation (EC) N° 1126/2008 adopting certain international accounting standards in accordance with Regulation (EC) N° 1606/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards International Accounting Standard 39 and International Financial Reporting Standards 4, 7, 9 and 16 (Text with EEA relevance)

Decision not to oppose adoption

Decision to use the written procedure

12654/20
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12362/20 + ADD 1
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