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SUMMARY RECORD
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE
17 and 19 February 2021

I. Adoption of the agenda

6172/21 OJ CRP1 7 + COR 1
6197/3/21 REV 3 OJ CRP2 7

The Committee adopted the agenda.

II. Approval of the "I" items

The Committee approved the "I" items as set out in the Annex.

III. Discussion items

COREPER (PART 1)

Education

2. Resolution on a strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training towards the European Education Area and beyond (2021-2030)

5871/21
6125/2/21 REV 2

Preparation for the approval
Decision to use the written procedure

The Committee agreed on the draft Resolution as amended and decided to use the written procedure for the approval of the text. The Committee also agreed to subsequently publish the text in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Statement by Hungary

"Hungary declares that the Commission's Communication on a Union of Equality: Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025 mentioned on page 4 of the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on achieving the European Education Area by 2025 (30 September 2020), which is referred to on page 6, page 20, and on page 29 of the Council Resolution, should be interpreted with due regard to national competences and the specific circumstances in each Member State. "In all their diversity" on page 16 of the Commission's Communication on achieving the European Education Area by 2025, can only be interpreted as set out in Article 22 CFREU.

In addition, Hungary declares that the Commission's Communications on a Union of Equality: LGBTIQ Equality Strategy 2020-2025 and on a Union of Equality: Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025 mentioned on page 6 and 8 in the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Action plan on Integration and Inclusion 2021-2027 (referred to in para 43 of Annex I of the Council Resolution) should also be interpreted with due regard to national competences and the specific circumstances in each Member State."

Statement by Poland

"Równość kobiet i mężczyzn została zapisana w traktatach Unii Europejskiej jako podstawowe prawo. Polska zapewnia równość kobiet i mężczyzn w ramach polskiego krajowego systemu prawnego zgodnie z międzynarodowymi traktatami praw człowieka oraz w ramach podstawowych wartości i zasad Unii Europejskiej. Z tych powodów, w miejscach, w których rezolucja odnosi się do „gender”, Polska będzie interpretowała ją jako równość kobiet i mężczyzn zgodnie z art. 8 TFUE."

Courtesy translation:

"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 resolution refers to "gender" Poland will interpret it as meaning women and men, in accordance with Article 8 TFEU."

Research

3. Regulation on European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) 6062/1/21 REV 1
Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement

The Committee endorsed the text of the final compromise and will inform the European Parliament.

4. Decision on Strategic Innovation Agenda (SIA) of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) 6066/1/21 REV 1
Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement

The Committee endorsed the text of the final compromise and will inform the European Parliament.

Competitiveness

5. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Research on 26 February 2021: Preparation
Recovery and Resilience Plans and the ERA: Synergies in the context of investments and reforms
Policy debate

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

6. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Internal Market and Industry on 25 February 2021: Preparation

1. European Semester – National Recovery and Resilience Plans as an instrument for delivering on Industrial Policy goals: strengthening the Single Market, the Twin Transitions and the Strategic Autonomy in an Open EU
Policy debate

The Committee prepared this item for the informal videoconference of the Ministers of Internal Market and Industry.

2. Public Country-by-Country Reporting 6058/21
Policy debate
(in public session)

The Committee prepared this item for the informal videoconference of the Ministers of Internal Market and Industry.

Statement by Cyprus, Czech Republic, Hungary, Ireland, Luxembourg, Malta and Sweden

"Notwithstanding the constructive discussions at Working Party facilitated by the Presidency, and the general support expressed by all for tax transparency, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Hungary, Ireland, Luxembourg, Malta and Sweden have ongoing concerns regarding this Proposed Directive, and fully share the analysis of the Council legal service of 11 November 2016, reference 2016/0107 (COD), FISC 194, stating that the proposal for a Directive amending Directive 2013/34/EU as regards disclosure of income tax information must be based on Article 115 TFEU since both the aim and the content of the proposal relate to “fiscal provisions”, rejecting thereby the appropriateness of the legal basis of the initial proposal, i.e. Article 50(1) TFEU, and are of the view that accordingly, the proposal must be discussed at ECOFIN Council, taking due account of the relevant procedural rules.

Cyprus, Czech Republic, Hungary, Ireland, Luxembourg, Malta and Sweden thus consider that the COMPET Council is not the appropriate Council configuration for having a political debate on the Council's *general approach* on this proposal.³

Agriculture and Fisheries

7. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Fisheries on 22 February 2021: Preparation

Council Decision concerning the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the consultations with the United Kingdom to agree on total allowable catches for 2021 and for certain deep sea stocks for 2021 and 2022

Information from the Commission on the state of play of the consultations

Exchange of views

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

Environment

8. Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 6.11.2020 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/1122 as regards the functioning of the Union Registry under Regulation (EU) 2018/841 of the European Parliament and of the Council
Consideration of a possible objection to a delegated act
- 6083/21
5942/21
12920/20 + ADD 1

The Committee unanimously agreed that the Council should be invited to object to the delegated Regulation.

COREPER (PART 2)

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General Affairs

15. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of European Affairs
on 23 February 2021: Preparation

- a) Informal videoconference of the Members of the European
Council on 25-26 February 2021: Preparation
Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the informal videoconference.

- b) Conference on the Future of Europe
Information from the Presidency

The Committee prepared this item for the informal videoconference.

- c) European Democracy Action Plan
Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the informal videoconference.

- d) EU-UK relations
State of play

The Committee prepared this item for the informal videoconference.

- e) Other items in connection with the informal
videoconference

The Presidency provided further information regarding the informal videoconference.

Justice and Home Affairs

16. Union Civil Protection Mechanism Decision 6052/21
*Confirmation of the final compromise text with a view to
agreement*

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.

General Affairs

17. COVID-19 EU coordination: vaccines
Exchange of views

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Commission and held an exchange of views.

Economic and Financial Affairs

19. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of the Economy and Finance on 16 February 2021: Follow-up

Nothing was raised under this item.

Foreign Affairs

20. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs) on 22 February 2021: Preparation

- a) Current Affairs

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- b) Russia
Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- c) Strategic Compass
Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- d) Hong Kong
Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- e) Other items in connection with the Council.

The EEAS provided further information regarding the Council meeting.

FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2021

Foreign Affairs

21. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs/Trade on 2 March 2021: Preparation
- a) Commission's Communication on the Trade Policy Review
Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the informal videoconference.

- b) Other items in connection with the informal videoconference

The Presidency provided further information regarding the informal videoconference.

60. COVID-19 EU coordination: Vaccine sharing mechanism
Information from the Commission

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Commission and held an exchange of views.

General Affairs

22. Annotated draft agenda for the European Council on 25-26 March 2021 5474/21
Exchange of views

The Committee took note of the annotated draft agenda for the European Council on 25-26 March 2021 and held an exchange of views.

Justice and Home Affairs

23. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Justice on 11 March 2021: Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda.

24. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Home Affairs on 12 March 2021: Agenda

The above-mentioned item was postponed.

IV. Any other business

COREPER (PART 1)

Regulation on a temporary derogation from the ePrivacy Directive
Information from the Presidency

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

Green lines
Information from the Czech and Slovak delegations

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

COREPER (PART 2)

None.

"I" items approved**COREPER (PART 1)****Institutional Affairs****Written questions**

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| 9. | Replies to questions for written answer submitted to the Council by Members of the European Parliament
<i>Adoption by silence procedure</i> | 6120/21
PE-QE |
| a) | Niyazi Kizilyürek (GUE/NGL)
"Turkish interference with elections held by the Turkish Cypriot community" | 5927/21 |
| b) | Emmanouil Fragkos (ECR)
"Supply of German submarines to Turkey" | 5928/21 |
| c) | Eugen Jurzyca (ECR)
"Right of withdrawal when purchasing a motorway vignette online" | 5540/21 |

Judicial Affairs

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| 10. | Case T-745/20 (Symphony Environmental Technologies plc and Symphony Environmental Ltd v European Parliament, Council of the European Union and European Commission)
<i>Information note for the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)</i> | 6054/21
JUR |
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EU positions for international negotiations

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| 11. | Council Decision on the EU position at meetings of the Parties to the Port State Measures Agreement to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing
<i>Adoption</i> | 5306/21 + ADD 1
5296/21
5410/21
PECHE |
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Statement by the Commission

"The Commission considers that the Council Decision should be addressed to the Commission, and therefore considers the changes to Article 4 to be inappropriate. The expression of the Union position in a body set up by an agreement is an act of external representation of the Union which, in accordance with Article 17(1) TEU, is the institutional prerogative of the Commission. The Commission reserves all its rights in this regard."

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| 12. | Council Decision on the EU position on Agreement concerning work of vehicles crews (AETR) 2021
<i>Adoption</i> | 6048/21
5673/21
5700/21
TRANS |
| 13. | Council Decision on the EU position on UNECE (March 2021)
<i>Adoption</i> | 6011/21
5988/21
5991/21
MI |

Research

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| 14. | Council Decision amending Decision 2007/198/Euratom establishing the European Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy and conferring advantages upon it
<i>Adoption</i> | 5916/21 + ADD 1
5186/21
RECH |
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Statement by Germany

"Die Bundesrepublik Deutschland stimmt dem ITER-Beschlussentwurf zu und gibt die folgende Erklärung zu Protokoll:

Deutschland unterstützt auf Grundlage des ITER Abkommens von 2006, wie vom Rat der Europäischen Union in seinen Schlussfolgerungen zum reformierten ITER-Projekt vom 12. April 2018 (doc. 7881/18) bekräftigt, die erfolgreiche Fertigstellung des ITER-Projekts.

Für Deutschland ist ITER (wie die Fusionsforschung insgesamt) ein Projekt der langfristig ausgerichteten, anwendungsorientierten Grundlagenforschung. Die Erforschung der Fusionsenergiegewinnung hat das Ziel, eine nicht auf fossile Brennstoffe angewiesene, verlässliche, nachhaltige und wirtschaftliche Energiequelle zu erschließen. Gelingt der Schritt in die Anwendung, wird diese voraussichtlich erst nach 2050 verfügbar sein.

Für Deutschland ist es neben der Energiewende zugleich Ausdruck einer globalen Verantwortung von Deutschland und der Europäischen Union, das Verständnis von Fusionsprozessen weiter voranzutreiben und dieses wissenschaftlich herausragende Know-how der Welt zur Verfügung zu stellen. Die weltweite steigende Energienachfrage und die Zielsetzung der internationalen Klimapolitik erfordern es aus Sicht von Deutschland, eine breite Palette von Optionen für die künftige Energieversorgung zu erforschen, die potentiell eine nachhaltige kohlenstofffreie Energieversorgung ermöglichen könnte. Fusionsenergie könnte eine dieser Optionen sein, die durch ITER zielgerichtet verfolgt wird.

Gleichwohl ist es für Deutschland zweckmäßig, dem ITER unter dem Mehrjährigen Finanzrahmen (MFR) 2021-2027 keine Klimarelevanz beizumessen, weil erst mit dem First Plasma voraussichtlich Ende 2025 der Betrieb des ITER beginnt. Entsprechend sollte die Europäische Kommission nach der nun konsentierten Änderung des Erwägungsgrunds 10 die EU-Ausgaben für ITER nicht als Beitrag zum Ziel anrechnen, mindestens 30 % der Gesamtausgaben aus dem Unionshaushalt und dem Instrument „Next Generation EU“ für Klimazwecke zu verwenden. Nach erfolgreichem First Plasma ist die Frage der Klimarelevanz des ITER neu zu bewerten, wenn es um den nächsten MFR 2028 ff. geht."

Courtesy translation

"The Federal Republic of Germany approves the ITER proposal and makes the following statement to be entered in the minutes:

On the basis of the 2006 ITER Agreement, as reaffirmed by the Council of the European Union in its Conclusions on the reformed ITER project of 12 April 2018 (doc. 7881/18), Germany supports the successful completion of the ITER project.

Germany views ITER (and fusion research in general) as a project for long-term, application-oriented basic research. The purpose of research on fusion power generation is to develop an energy source that is fossil-free, reliable, sustainable and economically viable. Should research successfully translate into application, this energy source will only be available from 2050.

Germany's motivation – in addition to greening the energy system – is to both express its own global responsibility and that of the European Union to further advance our understanding of fusion processes and to make this outstanding scientific know-how available to the world. In the light of the increasing global demand for energy and international climate policy targets, Germany considers it imperative to explore a broad range of options that can potentially enable a sustainable carbon-free energy supply in the future. Fusion energy might be one of these options that ITER pursues in a targeted manner.

Germany nevertheless considers it appropriate not to assign any climate relevance to ITER within the Multi-Annual Financial Framework (MFF) 2021-2027. This is because ITER is likely only to begin operations upon achieving First Plasma at the end of 2025. Accordingly, the European Commission – as per the now agreed amendment to Recital 10 – should not include EU expenditure on ITER as a contribution to the target of devoting at least 30% of the total EU budget expenditure and Next Generation EU to climate-related action. After successful achievement of First Plasma, the issue of ITER's climate relevance has to be reassessed as the MFF for the period starting in 2028 approaches."

Statement by Luxembourg

"Le Luxembourg reste, de manière générale, très critique en ce qui concerne le financement des activités de recherche nucléaire par l'Union européenne. Le Luxembourg souhaiterait qu'une orientation des fonds européens, davantage axée sur les énergies renouvelables, soit exploitée à l'avenir. La Proposition de 'Décision du Conseil modifiant la décision 2007/198/Euratom instituant une entreprise commune pour ITER et le développement de l'énergie de fusion et lui conférant des avantages', ne préconisant pas une telle orientation, la position du Luxembourg reste inchangée. Malgré les réticences quant au contenu de cette décision, le Luxembourg est cependant en mesure de lever sa réserve générale et s'abstient par conséquent du vote."

Courtesy translation

"Luxembourg remains, in general, very critical towards the funding of nuclear research activities by the European Union. Luxembourg would like a reorientation of European funds, more focused on renewable energies, to be exploited in the future. Since the 'Council Decision amending Decision 2007/198/Euratom establishing the European Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy and conferring advantages upon it' does not advocate such a reorientation, Luxembourg's position remains unchanged. Despite the reluctance as to the content of this Decision, Luxembourg is however able to lift its general reservation and abstains therefore from the vote."

COREPER (PART 2)

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Judicial Affairs

25. Case C-673/20 (validity of the Withdrawal Agreement)
Information note for the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2) 5993/21
JUR
26. Case C-601/20 SOVIM SA - Request for a preliminary ruling
(Referring court: Tribunal d'arrondissement (Luxembourg))
Information note for the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2) 6121/21
JUR
EF

Transparency

27. Public access to documents
Confirmatory application No 02/c/01/21
Adoption 5216/21
5217/21 + ADD 1
INF
API

Economic and Financial Affairs

28. Council Implementing Decision on the appointment of the Vice-Chair of the Supervisory Board of the European Central Bank
Adoption 5953/21
5630/21
EF
29. Council Implementing Decision authorising Estonia to continue to apply a VAT derogation for small enterprises
Adoption 5739/21
6053/21
FISC
30. Conclusions on the revised EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes
Approval 5922/21 + COR 1
FISC

Joint statement by Greece and Cyprus

"In a spirit of compromise, Greece and Cyprus accept the proposed solution of once again extending the deadline, until October 2021, for Turkey to fulfill criterion 1.1 in the EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes. However, the said MS reiterate that passed October 2021, no further extension will be offered and failure to comply with any agreed deadlines as stated in the Council Conclusions, will result in moving Turkey to Annex I under criterion 1.1.

The repeated derogations which have been granted so far to one specific third state whilst making no exceptions for others, are undermining the reliability and objectivity of the EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes. In this context, the said MS call for a reflection to be carried out in the Group on the value of such a list and the purpose it serves, including on options on how to remedy the situation."

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| 31. | Council Implementing Decision authorising the Netherlands to apply a reduced rate of taxation to electricity supplied to charging stations
<i>Adoption</i> | 5996/21
5826/21
FISC |
| 32. | Council Decision on the EU position in the EU-Switzerland Joint Committee as regards the amendment of Chapter III and Annexes I and II of the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation of 25 June 2009
<i>Adoption</i> | 6020/21
5657/21
5658/21
UD |
| <u>Statement by the Commission</u> | | |
| "The Commission considers that the Council Decision should be addressed to the Commission, and therefore considers the changes to Article 2 to be inappropriate.
The expression of the Union position in a body set up by an agreement is an act of external representation of the Union which, in accordance with Article 17(1) TEU, is the institutional prerogative of the Commission.
The Commission reserves all its rights in this regard." | | |
| 33. | ECA SR No 03/2021 on exchanging tax information in the EU
<i>Designation of a Working Party</i> | 5836/1/21 REV 1
5835/21
FIN |

General Affairs

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| 34. | EP Resolutions and Decisions (February 2021) | 6012/21
PE-RE |
| 36. | Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the Partnership Council as regards the date on which provisional application of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement shall cease
<i>Approval</i>
<i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i> | 6085/21
6080/21
UK |

Justice and Home Affairs

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| 37. | Regulation establishing the Rights and Values Programme for the period 2021-2027
<i>Political agreement</i> | 6022/21
JAI
CADREFIN |
| 38. | Regulation establishing the Justice Programme for the period 2021-2027
<i>Political agreement</i> | 6055/21
JAI
CADREFIN |
| 39. | Kyoto Congress - draft statement
<i>Approval</i> | 6069/1/21 REV 1
COPEN |

Foreign Affairs

41. Council Decision extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for Central Asia
Adoption 5809/21
5808/21
CORLX
42. Council Decision extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for the Sahel
Adoption 5812/21 + COR 1
5811/21
CORLX
43. Council Decision in support of the Oslo Action Plan for the implementation of the 1997 Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction
Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption 5876/21
5706/21
CORLX
44. Council Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Venezuela
Adoption 5984/21 + COR 1
5973/21
5975/21
CORLX
45. Council Decision extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia
Adoption 6094/21
5924/21
CORLX
46. Council Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures against Belarus - review
Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption 6096/21
5765/21
5766/21
CORLX
47. Council Decision appointing the European Union Special Representative for Human Rights
Adoption 6093/21 + COR 1
5815/21
CORLX
48. Agreement with Thailand regarding the modifications in the EU's TRQs in the WTO schedule following Brexit 5442/21
WTO
- a) Council Decision on the signing
Adoption 5443/21
5445/21
- b) Council Decision on the conclusion
Request for the consent of the European Parliament 5444/21
5445/21
49. Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations with Mongolia for an Agreement on Geographical Indications
Adoption 5594/21
13125/20 + ADD 1
WTO

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| 50. | Council Decision on the EU position to be taken in the Trade Committee established under the Trade Agreement with Colombia, Peru and Ecuador as regards government procurement
<i>Adoption</i> | 5697/21
5698/21
5699/21
WTO |
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Statements by the Commission

"The Commission considers that the Council Decision should be addressed to the Commission, and therefore considers the changes to Article 3 to be inappropriate. The expression of the Union position in a body set up by an agreement is an act of external representation of the Union which, in accordance with Article 17(1) TEU, is the institutional prerogative of the Commission.

The Commission reserves all its rights in this regard."

"The Commission considers it legally incorrect to indicate, in addition to Article 207(4) TFEU, Articles 91 and 100(2) TFEU as the substantive legal bases of this Decision.

In the Commission's view, the predominant purpose of the Decision falls under the common commercial policy, whereas it relates merely incidentally to the procurement of transport services. Therefore, the Decision should indicate solely Article 207(4) TFEU as its single substantive legal basis.

The Commission reserves all its rights in this regard."

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| 52. | Chinese SPS-measures - Line to take
<i>Approval</i> | 6063/21
AGRI
WTO |
| 55. | Guidelines on Human Rights Dialogues with Partner/Third Countries
<i>Approval</i> | 5949/21
5948/21
COHOM |
| 56. | Conclusions on Myanmar/Burma
<i>Approval</i> | 6171/21
COASI |
| 59. | Council Decision extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process
<i>Adoption</i> | 6176/21
6175/21
CORLX |

Other items

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| 57. | Approval of cryptographic product
<i>Approval</i> | 6185/21 R-EU
CSCI
CSC |
| 58. | Approval of cryptographic product
<i>Approval</i> | 6186/21 R-EU
CSCI
CSC |

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General Affairs

35. Notification by the European Union made in accordance with the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement
Approval 5925/1/21 REV 1
6076/1/21 REV 1
UK
61. Common list of COVID-19 rapid antigen tests and standardised set of data to be included in COVID-19 test result certificates 6277/21
IPCR

Justice and Home Affairs

40. EPPO - Appointment of the European Prosecutors
Authorisation to grant access to documents of the Council
Approval of a letter 5919/21
EPPO

Foreign Affairs

51. EU-Albania Stabilisation and Association Council (Brussels, 1 March 2021)
Establishment of the EU position 6060/21
COWEB
53. Conclusions on a human-rights-based post-COVID-19 recovery
Approval 5180/21
COHOM

Statement by Poland, joined by Hungary

"In relation to the Council Conclusions on a human-rights-based post-COVID-19 recovery, Poland understands the formulation "*gender equality*" as referring to the equality between men and women, in line with art. 2 and art. 3 of the Treaty on European Union and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU.

With this clarification, Poland accepts the proposal concerning Council Conclusions on a human-rights-based post-COVID-19 recovery."

54. Conclusions on EU Priorities in UN Human Rights Fora 2021
Approval

5965/21
COHOM

Statement by Hungary

HU statement on Council Conclusions on EU Priorities in UN Human Rights Fora 2021 (paragraph {7})

"The adoption of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) and the Beijing Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women marked a remarkable consensus. They placed the enjoyment of human rights at the heart of development and important gains in the fields of health, equality between men and women and education have been achieved since their adoption. These fields are at the core of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development incorporating as founding principles the universal respect for human rights and human dignity, the rule of law, justice, equality and non-discrimination.

Hungary remains dedicated to its human rights commitments, including the protection and promotion of women's rights and equality between men and women. Hungary is deeply committed to the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action and Beijing Platform for Action as well as the 2030 Agenda, serving also as basic references in the fields of sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights. Hungary notes, that the term of "sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR)" and related issues, like "sexual rights", "comprehensive sexuality education", "modern methods of contraception", "emergency contraception", are lacking consensual definition at international level, including within the European Union. These issues are interpreted and promoted by Hungary in the context of the 2030 Agenda, the ICPD Programme of Action and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and in line with its national legislation."

Statement by Poland, joined by Hungary

"In relation to the Council Conclusions on EU Priorities in UN Human Rights Fora 2021, Poland understands the formulation "*gender equality*" as referring to the equality between men and women, in line with art. 2 and art. 3 of the Treaty on European Union and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU.

With this clarification, Poland accepts the proposal concerning Council Conclusions on EU Priorities in UN Human Rights Fora 2021."

62. Council Decision extending the mandate of the European Union
Special Representative for the Horn of Africa
Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption

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CORLX