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**SUMMARY RECORD**  
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE  
14 and 16 April 2021

**I. Adoption of the agenda**

7719/1/21 REV 1 OJ CRP1 14  
7740/2/21 REV 2 OJ CRP2 14

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)**

**Fisheries**

2. Bilateral EU-UK consultations on fishing opportunities for 2021 and, for deep-sea stocks, for 2021 and 2022  
*Information from the Commission on the state of play of the consultations*

The Committee received a debriefing by the Commission on the state of play of the consultations with the UK and took note of the comments made by delegations.

**Environment**

3. Regulation on European Climate Law 7549/21  
*Preparation for the trilogue*

The Committee prepared a revised mandate for the forthcoming trilogue.

## COREPER (PART 2)

WEDNESDAY 14 APRIL 2021

### General Affairs

20. Digital Green Certificate 7552/21
- a) Regulation on Certificates on vaccination, testing and recovery
  - b) Regulation on Certificates on vaccination, testing and recovery (third country nationals)
- Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament*

The Committee agreed on a mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament.

#### Statement by Austria

"As Austria has stated in the deliberations for the Council Position on the Digital Green Certificate (DGC), it is important that bilateral agreements on the mutual recognition of DGC among Member States are possible also in case the regulation on the DGC will not fully enter into force before the summer of 2021.

The use of a trust framework digital infrastructure (gateway), which is foreseen in the draft regulation will be important as to avoid administrative burden due to the need for creating an interim trust framework digital infrastructure (gateway)."

### Foreign Affairs

21. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs on 19 April 2021: Preparation
- a) Current affairs

The Committee prepared this item for the informal videoconference.

- b) Ethiopia  
*Exchange of views*

The Committee prepared this item for the informal videoconference.

- c) Ukraine  
*Exchange of views*

The Committee prepared this item for the informal videoconference.

- d) Western Balkans  
*Exchange of views*

The Committee agreed to postpone this item to May.

- e) Other items in connection with the informal videoconference

The EEAS provided further information regarding the informal videoconference.

22. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs/Defence) on 6 May 2021: Agenda

The EEAS presented the main items on the agenda.

### **General Affairs**

23. COVID-19 EU coordination: vaccines  
*Information from the Commission*

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

24. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of European Affairs on 20 April 2021: Preparation

- a) EU-UK Relations  
*State of play*

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) Annual Rule of Law Dialogue - country-specific discussion  
*Exchange of views*

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11225/20 +  
ADD1 1 - 27  
ADD1 COR 1

The Committee prepared this item for the informal videoconference.

- d) COVID-19 EU coordination  
*State of play*

The Committee prepared this item for the informal videoconference.

- e) Enlargement and Stabilisation and Association Process  
*Information from the Presidency*

The Committee prepared this item for the informal videoconference.

- f) Other items in connection with the informal videoconference

The Presidency provided further information regarding the informal videoconference.

### **Economic and Financial Affairs**

#### 25. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of the Economy and Finance on 16 April 2021: Preparation

- a) State of play of the Capital Markets Union: Update on the Single Access Point  
*Presentation by the Commission*

The Committee prepared this item for the informal videoconference.

- b) Economic Recovery in Europe
  - i) Economic situation and outlook  
*Exchange of views*
  - ii) Implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Facility  
*State of play*  
*Exchange of views*
  - iii) Financing of NGEU  
*Presentation by the Commission*  
*Exchange of views*

The Committee prepared this item for the informal videoconference.

- c) European Financial Architecture for Development  
*Exchange of views*

The Committee prepared this item for the informal videoconference.

- d) International meetings: Follow-up to the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting on 7 April 2021  
*Information from the Presidency and the Commission*

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

## **FRIDAY 16 APRIL 2021**

### **Justice and Home Affairs**

26. Outcome of the discussions on Commission's assessment of third countries' level of cooperation on readmission in 2019 6032/21 R-UE  
*Information from the Presidency*

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

### **Foreign Affairs**

27. 27th EU-Japan Summit (27 May 2021) 7329/21  
*Orientation debate*

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

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

##### **COREPER (PART 1)**

None.

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

Visits by the President of the European Council

The Committee took note of the information provided about the President's visits to Libya, Tunisia and Turkey.

Porto Summit

The Committee took note of the information provided by the PEC Cabinet on the preparations of the upcoming Summit.

EU-Switzerland

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

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

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| 4. | Replies to questions for written answer submitted to the Council by Members of the European Parliament<br><i>Adoption by silence procedure</i> | 7630/21<br>PE-QE |
| a) | Filip De Man (ID)<br>"Role of the EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator"  | 7035/21          |
| b) | Milan Uhrík (NI)<br>"Joint motion for a resolution on the situation of Ethiopian migrants in detention centres in Saudi Arabia"                | 7037/21          |
| c) | Marie Toussaint (Verts/ALE)<br>"Universal recognition of the right to a healthy environment"   | 7137/21          |
| d) | Svenja Hahn (Renew)<br>"The impact of the source code clause on future EU regulation of artificial intelligence"                               | 7065/21          |
| e) | Peter Lundgren (ECR)<br>"Animal welfare"   | 7003/21          |
| f) | Francisco José Millán Mon (PPE)<br>"Economic relations and academic cooperation with Latin America"  | 7231/21          |
| g) | Ibán García Del Blanco (S&D), Marcos Ros Sempere (S&D), Domènec Ruiz Devesa (S&D)<br>"Culture is safe (La cultura es segura #culturasegura)"   | 7049/21          |
| h) | Lukas Mandl (PPE)<br>"Re-establishment of the EU-Israel Association Council"   | 7041/21          |
| i) | Moritz Körner (Renew)<br>"EU-US 'no-spying' agreement"   | 7222/21          |
| j) | Diana Riba i Giner (Verts/ALE), Jordi Solé (Verts/ALE)<br>"Rapper Pablo Hasél imprisoned in Spain"   | 7241/21          |
| k) | Jean-Paul Garraud (ID)<br>"Access to encrypted data content: a violation of privacy principles"  | 7015/21          |

## Appointments

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| 5.  | One member (CZ) of the Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work<br><i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i>  | 7690/21<br>7689/21<br>SOC         |
| 6.  | One member (ES) of the Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work<br><i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i>  | 7692/21<br>7691/21<br>SOC         |
| 7.  | One alternate member (FI) of the Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work<br><i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i>  | 7694/21<br>7693/21<br>SOC         |
| 8.  | One member (AT) of the Management Board of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work<br><i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i>                            | 7715/21<br>7714/21<br>SOC         |
| 9.  | One member (CZ) of the Management Board of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work<br><i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i>                            | 7697/21<br>7696/21<br>SOC         |
| 10. | One member (ES) of the Management Board of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work<br><i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i>                            | 7700/21<br>7699/21<br>SOC         |
| 11. | One alternate member (FI) of the Management Board of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work<br><i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i>                  | 7703/21<br>7701/21<br>SOC         |
| 12. | One alternate member (FI) of the Management Board of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work<br><i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i>                  | 7705/21<br>7704/21<br>SOC         |
| 13. | One member (IT) of the Management Board of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions<br><i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i> | 7711/1/21 REV 1<br>7708/21<br>SOC |
| 14. | Renewal of the Advisory Committee on Freedom of Movement for Workers 2020-2022<br><i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i>  | 7088/1/21 REV 1<br>6987/21<br>SOC |



## **EU positions for international negotiations**

15. Consultation of the Council by the European Commission on the EU position regarding the revision by the Regional Steering Committee of Annex I to the Treaty establishing the Transport Community  
*Approval*  
*Decision to use the written procedure*
- 7464/1/21 REV 1  
7681/21 + COR 1  
TRANS

## **Telecommunications**

16. Regulation establishing the European Cybersecurity Competence Centre and the Network of Coordination Centres  
*Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reason*
- 7587/21  
5628/21 + ADD 1  
CYBER

## **Employment and Social Policy**

17. Regulation on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF)  
*Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reason*
- 7583/21  
+ ADD 1 REV 1  
5532/21  
+ ADD 1 REV 1  
SOC

### **Statement by the Republic of Bulgaria**

"The Republic of Bulgaria supports the continuation of the functioning of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund as a flexible forward looking instrument providing assistance to displaced workers. That is why Bulgaria supported the general approach on the file and was constructive towards finalisation of the negotiations.

However, it should be noted that in 2018, the Bulgarian Constitutional Court adopted a decision stating that the Council of Europe's Convention on Preventing and Combatting Violence against Women and Domestic Violence ("Istanbul Convention") promotes legal concepts related to the notion of gender that are incompatible with main principles of the Bulgarian Constitution.

In line with the above mentioned Decision of the Constitutional Court, the Republic of Bulgaria declares that the country cannot accept either the concept of gender or the gender-based approach of the Council of Europe's Convention or any other document that intends to differentiate between "sex" as a biological (women and men) category and "gender" as a social construct.

Therefore, the country cannot support the Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund that includes the notion of *gender identity*.

The Republic of Bulgaria also understands the reporting on common indicators in Annex II of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund Regulation by using a category of "non-binary", as not obligatory. The Republic of Bulgaria does not intend to gather and report relevant data as such a category does not exist in its national legislation. According to its domestic legislative framework, the Republic of Bulgaria gathers disaggregated data by sex (male and female).

However, the position of the Republic of Bulgaria regarding the Regulation does not undermine in any way our support for the substance of the Fund and its objectives."

#### 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 its 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, Hungary will interpret expressions comprising the term "gender" within the Regulation as referring to or in the (narrow) context of the equality between women and men, in accordance with Article 8 of the TFEU. Furthermore, Hungary is convinced that concerning the application of the common output and result indicators, this legislative document is not the appropriate place to define the content of "gender". Therefore, Hungary believes that footnote 34 in Annex II should be applicable and refer to the term "gender" and the parenthesis as a whole, and not only one of the subcategories listed there. Bearing in mind the fact, that determining the content of the term "gender" falls under the exclusive competence of the Member States, footnote 34 of the proposal should be understood as referring to the term "gender" and not to the term "non-binary"."

#### 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 international human rights treaties and within the framework of the fundamental values and principles of the European Union. For these reasons, in expressions containing the term 'gender' Poland will interpret it in terms of equality between women and men in accordance with Article 8 TFEU."

#### Statement by the Commission

"In the Inter-institutional Agreement between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management, as well as on new own resources, including a roadmap for the introduction of new own resources, Points 30 to 33 require the Commission to make available an integrated and interoperable information and monitoring system including a single data-mining and risk-scoring tool to access and analyse the required data with a view to a generalised application by Member States. In addition, the three institutions agreed to sincerely cooperate, in the course of the legislative procedure relating to the relevant basic acts, to ensure the follow up to the European Council conclusions of July 2020 regarding this element.

The Commission considers that the agreement reached by the co-legislators under Article 23(1a) on the obligatory use of a single data-mining tool and the collection and analysis of data on the beneficial owners of the recipients of funding is not sufficient to enhance the protection of the Union budget and NextGenerationEU against fraud and irregularities and to ensure efficient checks on conflicts of interests, irregularities, issues of double funding, and criminal misuse of the funds. Therefore, the approach agreed by the co-legislators in the Regulation European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for displaced workers does not appropriately reflect the desired ambition and spirit of the Inter-institutional Agreement."

## Youth

18. Regulation on the European Solidarity Corps 7586/21 + ADD 1  
14153/20 + ADD 1  
JEUN  
*Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reason*

### 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 the fundamental values and principles of the European Union. For these reasons, Hungary interprets the concept of 'gender' in the text of the Regulation as a reference to sex."

### Statement by Poland

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### Statement by the European Commission

"The European Commission takes note of the proposal of the European Parliament to consider "the number of local actors that apply the knowledge, the principles and the approaches learnt through the humanitarian activities in which the volunteer and the experts have participated" when supplementing the Regulation with provisions on the establishment of a monitoring and evaluation framework."

## Space

19. Regulation establishing the space programme of the Union 7582/21  
+ ADD 1 REV 1  
14312/20 + ADD 1  
ESPACE  
*Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reason*

### Statement by the Commission

"The Commission emphasises that, due to the sensitivity of the security aspects of the programme and in accordance with Article 3(4) and Article 6(2) of Regulation (EU) 182/2011, it is particularly important that the chair of the Programme Committee meeting in the Security Configuration makes every effort to find solutions which command the widest possible support on the security aspects of the programme within the Committee."

Statement by the Permanent Representatives Committee

"The COREPER welcomes the Commission declaration that, due to the sensitivity of the security aspects of the programme and in accordance with Article 3(4) and Article 6(2) of Regulation (EU) 182/2011, it is particularly important that the chair of the Programme Committee meeting in the Security Configuration makes every effort to find solutions which command the widest possible support on the security aspects of the programme within the Committee."

## **COREPER (PART 2)**

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### **Judicial Affairs**

28. Case T-97/21 (Synesis v. Council) 7544/21  
*Information note for the Permanent Representatives Committee* JUR  
*(Part 2)*
29. Cases before the EU General Court - Anti-dumping: 7551/21  
T-762/20, Sinopec Chongqing SVW Chemical Co. Ltd and JUR  
Others v. European Commission  
T-763/20, Inner Mongolia Shuangxin Environment-Friendly  
Materiala v. European Commission  
T-764/20, Anhui Wanwei Updated High-Tech Material Industry  
and Inner Mongolia Mengwei Technology v. European  
Commission  
*Information note for the Permanent Representatives Committee*  
*(Part 2)*
30. Case T-775/20 (PB against European Commission) 7598/21  
*Information note for the Permanent Representatives Committee* JUR  
*(Part 2)*

### **Transparency**

31. Nineteenth annual report on public access to documents 7713/21  
*Approval* 7090/21  
*Decision to use the written procedure* INF
32. Ombudsman Complaint 360/2021/TE - Council's draft 7688/21 + ADD 1  
additional observations 7091/21  
*Approval* API  
*Decision to use the written procedure* INF

### **Economic and Financial Affairs**

33. ECA SR No 04/2021 on customs controls 7538/21  
*Designation of a Working Party* FIN

## Justice and Home Affairs

34. Regulation establishing the Rights and Values Programme for the period 2021-2027  
*Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reason*

7584/21 + ADD 1  
6833/20 + ADD 1  
REV 2  
+ ADD 1 REV 2  
COR 1  
JAI  
CADREFIN

### Statement by Bulgaria

"The Republic of Bulgaria supports the aim of the proposal for a *Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme* to protect and promote rights and values as enshrined in the EU Treaties and in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, including by supporting civil society organisations, in order to sustain open, democratic and inclusive societies.

We acknowledge that combating all forms of violence against women and domestic violence should be supported by the Programme and that promoting prevention, protecting and supporting victims are priorities of the Union which help to fulfil individuals' fundamental rights.

At the same time, we note that the European Union has not acceded to the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention) and this Convention is not part of the EU law. Therefore, any reference to the Istanbul Convention in the Regulation cannot be construed as implying any commitments for the EU and the Member states of the EU to ratify and implement the Convention."

### Statement by Hungary

"Hungary has expressed concerns as regards the draft regulations establishing the Rights and Values programme and the Justice programme for the period 2021-2027 several times during the negotiations and cannot support their final texts either.

Concerning the draft regulation establishing the Rights and Values programme for the period 2021–2027 and the draft regulation establishing the Justice programme for the period 2021-2027, Hungary is of the opinion that deficiencies as regards the legal basis (especially concerning the 'Union values' strand, as well as the 'Citizens engagement and participation' strand of the Rights and Values programme), the blurred scope not limited to the field of application of Union law (including references to international treaties not ratified by the Union), the focus on the support of one specific type of eligible entities (civil society organisations), instead of focusing on the substantial projects, as well as the reference to concepts which are not in line with the language of the Treaties would have made a substantial revision of the draft regulations necessary. Hungary is firmly committed to the protection of fundamental rights and European values, including the promotion of civil society and equal treatment.

Hungary maintains that basic requirements of legal certainty, principle of conferral and compliance with the Treaties in general shall be respected in order to prevent the impression that political and ideological views could have an impact, when defining the priorities of EU funding."

35. Regulation establishing the Justice Programme for the period 2021-2027  
*Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reason*

7585/21 + ADD 1  
6834/20 + ADD 1  
JAI  
CADREFIN

#### Statement by Hungary

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Hungary maintains that basic requirements of legal certainty, principle of conferral and compliance with the Treaties in general shall be respected in order to prevent the impression that political and ideological views could have an impact, when defining the priorities of EU funding."

#### Statement by Poland

"Poland maintains its objection to the wording of recital 10 of the regulation which contains an inconsistent and incomplete list of vulnerable groups particularly in risk of discrimination, prioritizing LGBT people over other vulnerable groups exposed to discrimination, e.g. poor people or exposed to discrimination due to political or religious beliefs, e.g. Christians, for whom there have been signs of intolerance or even acts of vandalism in recent times.

The Republic of Poland notes that the conditionality mechanism indicated in recital 30 of the Regulation is currently the subject of complaint submitted by the Republic of Poland to the CJEU as duplicating the procedure under Art. 7 TEU and violating the competence of the European Council established in that article.

For Poland it is unacceptable to provide in the regulation insufficiently specified conditions for the operation of non-governmental organizations, the fulfillment of which enables their financing under the regulation. Lack of clarification on this subject implies the risk of improper spending of EU funds and introduces an unlimited margin of discretion.



Poland opposes the use of the term "gender" in the regulation. That wording is unknown to primary law and ambiguously understood by individual Member States, and at the risk of overinterpretation in the absence of its legal definition in EU law. Poland understands wording "gender equality" as referring to "equality between women and men", in line with art. 2 and art. 3 of the Treaty on European Union. Also Poland understands wording "gender" as referring to "sex" in line with art. 10, art. 19 para 1 and art. 157 para 2 and 4 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union."

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| 36. | Schengen evaluation Recommendation – Slovenia police cooperation<br><i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i>                     | 7546/21<br>7545/21<br>SCH-EVAL         |
| 37. | Conclusions on the functioning of the Schengen evaluation and monitoring mechanism<br><i>Approval</i><br><i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> | 7580/1/21 REV 1<br>7579/21<br>SCH-EVAL |

### **Foreign Affairs**

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| 38. | Agreement with the USA regarding the modifications in the EU's TRQs in the WTO schedule following Brexit  | 7166/1/21 REV 1<br>WTO    |
| a)  | Council Decision on the signing<br><i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i>  | 7167/21<br>7169/21<br>WTO |
| b)  | Council Decision on the conclusion<br><i>Request for the consent of the European Parliament</i><br><i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> | 7168/21<br>7169/21<br>WTO |
| 39. | Agreement with Argentina regarding the modifications in the EU's TRQs in the WTO schedule following Brexit                                      | 7717/21<br>WTO            |
| a)  | Council Decision on the signing<br><i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i>  | 6836/21<br>6838/21<br>WTO |
| b)  | Council Decision on the conclusion<br><i>Request for the consent of the European Parliament</i><br><i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> | 6837/21<br>6838/21<br>WTO |



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| 40. | Conclusions on the EU Strategy on the Sahel  | 7685/21 |
|     | <i>Approval</i>                              | 7686/21 |
|     | <i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> | COAFR   |

Statement by Poland

"Equality between women and men is the fundamental right according to the EU treaties. Poland ensures the equality between women and men in the national legal system in line with the international human rights instruments and fundamental EU values and norms. Poland understands "gender equality" as "equality between women and men", in line with art. 2 of TEU, art. 8 of TFEU and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights. With this clarification, Poland accepts the Council conclusions on the Sahel."

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| 41. | (poss.) Conclusions on Indo-Pacific          | 7592/21         |
|     | <i>Approval</i>                              | 7695/21 + COR 1 |
|     | <i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> | COASI           |

Statement by Poland

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| 43. | Council Decision on the security of systems and services deployed, operated and used under the Union Space Programme | 7591/21                                     |
|     | <i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i>  | 10108/19<br>CORLX                           |
| 44. | Iran non-proliferation restrictive measures - pre-notifications  | 7469/21                                     |
|     | <i>Approval</i>  | CORLX                                       |
|     | <i>Decision to use the written procedure</i>   |   |
| 45. | Council Decision concerning restrictive measures against the Central African Republic - UN update of a listing       | 7597/21                                     |
|     | <i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i>  | 7323/21 + ADD 1<br>7320/21 + ADD 1<br>CORLX |
| 53. | Syria restrictive measures - pre-notifications   | 7468/21                                     |
|     | <i>Approval</i>  | CORLX                                       |
|     | <i>Decision to use the written procedure</i>   |   |
| 46. | Memorandum of Understanding between the European Union and the Republic of Panama on bilateral consultations         | 7331/21                                     |
|     | <i>Approval</i>  | 7392/21<br>COLAC                            |
| 47. | (poss.) Conclusions on Southern Neighbourhood  | 7626/1/21 REV 1                             |
|     | <i>Approval</i>  | MAMA  |
|     | <i>Decision to use the written procedure</i>   |   |

### Statement by Hungary

"It is an obvious and indisputable fact that in the current pandemic situation, the mass, uncontrolled flow of people carries a serious health risk, and for this reason our Hungary does not support any form of legal migration. In view of this fact, it is irrelevant to distinguish between legal and illegal migration, as in our view both are both harmful and dangerous. Facilitating and encouraging legal migration is nothing more than endangering the safety and health of European citizens. Since the outbreak of the migration crisis in 2015, Hungary has consistently emphasized that the root causes of migration processes must be addressed locally, at their roots. We think it is much more sustainable to focus on helping developing countries, rather than promoting migration, by creating stable and secure conditions, thus ensuring that people can remain in their countries in peace and prosperity, than to leave their countries on dangerous paths, thereby risking their lives."

### Statement by Poland

"Equality between women and men is the fundamental right according to the EU treaties. Poland ensures the equality between women and men in the national legal system in line with the international human rights instruments and fundamental EU values and norms. Poland understands "gender equality" as "equality between women and men", in line with art. 2 of TEU, art. 8 of TFEU and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights. Regarding the reference to the Joint Communication of the European Commission and the High Representative on the third Gender Action Plan, Poland recalls that it has been supported by the Presidency conclusions, backed by 24 Member States. With these clarifications, Poland accepts the Council conclusions on Southern Neighbourhood."

## **Delegated or Implementing Acts**

### **Economic and Financial Affairs**

48. Commission Delegated Regulation supplementing Directive 2013/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to regulatory technical standards setting out the criteria to define managerial responsibility, control functions, material business units and a significant impact on a material business unit's risk profile, and setting out criteria for identifying staff members or categories of staff whose professional activities have an impact on the institution's risk profile that is comparably as material as that of staff members or categories of staff referred to in Article 92(3) of that Directive  
*Delegated act - Intention not to raise objections*  
*Decision to use the written procedure*

7554/1/21 REV 1  
7375/21  
EF

## EU positions for international negotiations

49. Council Decision on the EU position regarding the envisaged decision of the Participants to the Arrangement on Officially Supported Export Credits  
*Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption*
- 7334/1/21 REV 1  
7201/21  
7202/21  
CCG

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50. Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations to amend the International Cocoa Agreement 2010  
*Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption*
- 7548/21  
7335/21 + ADD 1  
PROBA
51. Council Decision on the position to be taken by the European Union in the International Tropical Timber Council on the extension of the International Tropical Timber Agreement, 2006  
*Adoption*
- 7550/21  
7261/21  
PROBA

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## Energy

52. Council Decision on the renewal of the EURATOM/KEDO Agreement  
*Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption*
- 7680/21  
7062/21  
13213/20 ADD 1  
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**Foreign Affairs**

54. Council Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Myanmar/Burma  
*Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption*

7712/21  
7707/21  
7710/21  
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