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Subject:	Council conclusions on the European Court of Auditors' Special Report No 08/2021 entitled "Frontex's support to external border management: not sufficiently effective to date" - Council conclusions (9 November 2021)
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Delegations will find in the annex the Council Conclusions on European Court of Auditors' Special Report No 08/2021 entitled "Frontex's support to external border management: not sufficiently effective to date", approved by the Council (Economic and Financial Affairs) at its 3822nd meeting held on 9 November 2021.

COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS

European Court of Auditors' Special Report No 08/2021 "Frontex's support to external border management: not sufficiently effective to date"

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION:

1. THANKS the European Court of Auditors for the Special Report No 08/2021 "Frontex's support to external border management: not sufficiently effective to date";
2. TAKES GOOD NOTE of the conclusions and recommendations in the Special Report, which include Frontex activities in the period from end of 2016 to February 2020.
3. CONSIDERS the Special Report a useful contribution to reflections of Frontex and the Commission on how to improve the efficiency of Frontex's support to external border management, as it focusses on the mandate regarding to the Regulation (EU) 2016/1624;
4. RECOGNISES in particular the importance of :
 - improving the information exchange framework and the European situational picture;
 - updating and implementing the common integrated risk analysis model and secure access to other sources of information;
 - developing the potential of the vulnerability assessment;
 - improving Frontex's operational response; and
 - addressing the challenges posed by Frontex's new mandate.
5. INVITES the European Court of Auditors to keep the Council informed of future audit reports on the same issue.