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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Summary of discussions at the informal videoconference of the members of the Working Party on Information (Transparency) on 28 April 2022

1. Adoption of the agenda

The WPI agenda was adopted as in **CM 2707/22**.

2. 20th annual report of the Council on the implementation of Regulation (EC) No. 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, the Council and Commission documents

The General Secretariat outlined the key features of the report, that includes, among others, two specific chapters on the transparency of the Council's decision-making during the COVID-19 crisis and on the Council's implementation of legislative transparency.

The Chair welcomed the efficiently handling of requests, the increasing cooperation between the General Secretariat, NGOs and the academic world and the inclusion in the report of information on the interest representatives' attendance to Council and its preparatory bodies' meetings.

Delegations unanimously agreed with the draft report (ST 8196/22), that will be submitted to the Coreper (11 May) and the Council (GAC 23 May) for adoption.

3. Confirmatory application no. 03/c/01/22

All delegations agreed with the draft reply submitted by the General Secretariat (ST 7580/22), that will be submitted to Coreper on 4 May and subsequently to the Council for adoption by written procedure.

4. European Ombudsman files

a. complaint 1703/2021/AMF

All delegations agreed with the draft reply (ST 7220/22), that will be submitted to Coreper (11 May) and Council (16 May) for final approval.

b. complaint 717/2021/DL

The majority of delegations was in favour of the draft reply to the Ombudsman (ST 8087/22), that will be submitted to Coreper (11 May) and Council (16 May) for final approval.

BE, DK, EE, FI, LT, NL and SE announced their intention to vote against.

c. complaint 1499/2021/SF

All delegations except IT agreed with the draft reply to the Ombudsman (ST 8248/22), that will be submitted to Coreper for approval at its meeting on 11 May and subsequently to the Council for adoption on 16 May.

5. Any Other Business

- Transparency Register: state of play of the implementation

The General Secretariat informed delegations of the state of play of the implementation of the register, almost one year since it entered into force on 1st July 2021, highlighting the importance of awareness-raising, data quality provision and the intense interaction with the other institutions and with the registrants.