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Subject:	Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing the Creative Europe Programme (2021 to 2027) and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1295/2013 – Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of Council's reasons – Outcome of the written procedure initiated by CM 2517/21

Delegations are informed that the written procedure, opened by CM 2517/21 of 6 April 2021 was completed on 13 April 2021 and that all delegations voted in favour of the adoption of the Council's position at first reading on the draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Creative Europe Programme (2021 to 2027) and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1295/2013 as set out in document 14146/20, and the statement of the Council's reasons as set out in the ADD 1 to that document.

The required qualified majority has been reached. Therefore, the above position of the Council at first reading and the statement of the Council's reasons are adopted.

The statements by the Commission and the statement by Poland are reproduced in the Annex to this CM.

The above statements will be included in the summary of acts adopted by the written procedure as statements to be entered in the Council minutes, in accordance with the third subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.

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 as equality between women and men in accordance with Article 8 TFEU.

Statements by the Commission

In the context of recital 23 and Annex I, Article 1, special actions e) as well as Article 7(5) of the above mentioned Regulation, as agreed by co-legislators on 14 December 2020, the European Commission confirms its intention to launch calls for proposals inviting applications for multi-annual operating grants to which the European Union Youth Orchestra and other entities could apply and which would provide the necessary stability for the functioning of these entities’ need. These calls will be subject to the adoption of work programmes, which will set out exact conditions, such as the timing of calls or the duration of grant agreements foreseen. The Commission further confirms its intention to launch the first of such calls in the 2021 annual work programme. This intention is subject to the adoption of the above-mentioned regulation and final agreement on the Union budget for 2021.

The Commission regrets that the co-legislators decided to maintain the MEDIA logo. This runs counter to the horizontal approach of not having programme-specific logos under the future long-term budget. The Commission’s intention is to make sure that Europeans can relate to the Union as a whole thanks to the use of the single European emblem by its different programmes. This emblem is common to all EU Institutions and will be an important part of the simple, coherent and binding communication and visibility requirements across programmes. For the sake of reaching overall agreement on the programme, the Commission can accept to maintain the MEDIA logo under the condition that it remains limited to the duration of the concerned programming period.

The Commission remains convinced that communication and visibility of EU action towards a broad public is more effective without any programme-specific logos. The Commission remains at the co-legislators' disposal to demonstrate this well ahead of the negotiations of the subsequent programming period.
