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'I' ITEM NOTE

From: Presidency
To: Permanent Representatives Committee

Subject: Establishment and Mandate of the ad hoc Working Party on preparedness, response capability and resilience to future crises
- Approval

1. Following the adoption of conclusions by the Council (General Affairs) on 23 November 2021 on enhancing preparedness, response capability and resilience to future crises⁽¹⁾, an ad hoc Working Party on preparedness, response capability and resilience to future crises was established⁽²⁾ under the French Presidency to ensure the necessary follow-up. The ad hoc Working Party met on three occasions (4 February, 8 April and 3 June 2022) during the French Presidency.
2. In order to structure the work and based on the substantive discussions held during Slovenian Presidency, the French Presidency prepared a questionnaire looking into key aspects of national and European level crisis preparation, response and resilience. The findings of the questionnaire were summarised in a Presidency synthesis report.

¹ 14276/21

² 5128/2/22 REV 2

3. On this basis, the French Presidency prepared a Presidency report⁽³⁾, which sets out an initial assessment of the different national and European practices on preparing for future crises, managing crises as they arise and enhancing resilience, as well as the models or shortcomings in the coordination between the various actors involved in the field of crisis management. The report also sets out a number of recommendations identified by the French Presidency.
4. Aside from the French Presidency report, 13 Member States presented a “Contribution to the Roadmap on strengthening EU crisis management” and one Member State presented a written contribution on strengthening cross-border cooperation in the EU in the field of crisis preparedness and resilience. These valuable insights will feed into future work.
5. Given that work on preparedness, response and resilience to future crises is complex and multi-faceted and a long-term effort, the Presidency considers that there is still a need for a forum to assist Coreper in the work on follow-up to the Council conclusions of November 2021, for which the French Presidency report and other contributions mentioned above will serve as a basis.
6. Given that the mandate of the ad hoc Working Party expired on 30 June, the Presidency therefore proposes, in accordance with Article 19(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, to reinstate the ad hoc Working Party on preparedness, response capability and resilience to future crises for another 6 months until 31 December 2022.
7. This ad hoc working group will continue to carry out its tasks under the terms of reference as set out in the Annex and will draw on the expertise of delegates with relevant experience.
8. In view of the above remarks, Coreper is invited to approve:
 - the establishment of the ad hoc Working Party;
 - the terms of reference in the Annex.

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Mandate

Ad Hoc Working Party on preparedness, response capability and resilience to future crises

Code -

Council configuration

This Ad Hoc Working Party operates under:

- General affairs
 - Foreign affairs
 - Economic and financial affairs⁴
 - Justice and home affairs⁵
 - Employment, social policy, health and consumer affairs
 - Competitiveness (internal market, industry, research and space)⁶
 - Transport, telecommunications and energy
 - Agriculture and fisheries
 - Environment
 - Education, youth, culture and sport⁷
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Sub-areas or subgroups n/a
(if applicable)

⁴ Including budget

⁵ Including civil protection

⁶ Including tourism

⁷ Including Audio-visual affairs

Policy areas Under the authority of the Coreper⁸, this AHWP ensures the follow-up of the conclusions of the Council of 23 November 2021 on enhancing preparedness, response capability and resilience to future crises

Type of work The Working Party is in charge of the following:

- Work on Union legal acts (i.e. legislative acts and other legal acts)
- Policy preparation

In particular, the AHWP is in charge of

- legislative act(s):
- other Union legal acts:
- external documents or instruments:
- policy document(s):
- other: Council Conclusions

Chairing arrangement The Working Party is chaired by:

- the six-monthly Presidency
- a representative of the High Representative
- other, namely:

⁸ In accordance with Article 240(1) TFEU and the Council's Rules of Procedure

Observations

- Date of establishment: 12 January 2022 (expired on 30 June 2022)
 - Duration of the mandate: until 31 December 2022
 - Main links with other Working Parties:
The AHWP draws on the expertise of delegates working in the relevant areas, as appropriate, and its activities shall be without prejudice to the work within other Council bodies.
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