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From: General Secretariat of the Council

To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Relations with Azerbaijan

- Position of the European Union for the 18th meeting of the EU-Azerbaijan Cooperation Council (Brussels, 19 July 2022)

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1. In view of the Cooperation Council with the Republic of Azerbaijan on 19 July 2022 in Brussels, the Working Party on Eastern Europe and Central Asia reached agreement on 11 July 2022 on the position of the European Union in the following terms:
 - Provisional Agenda as set out in Annex 1;
 - draft EU Position for the Cooperation Council as set out in Annex 2;
 - draft Orientation Note on key EU messages for the Cooperation Council as set out in Annex 3.

2. At the request of Bulgaria the following should be noted:

Regarding "gender identity", Bulgaria recalled its position within the meaning of the Council of Europe's Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, as set out in CFSP/SOF/0015/20 (referred in PSC Conclusions of 30 June 2020) and in the national statement on Council Conclusions on EU Priorities for Cooperation with the Council of Europe in 2020-22 (ST 9177/20 ADD 1 of 10 July 2020). Bulgaria states that the setting of gender definitions is subject to the national legal order of each EU Member State.

3. Subject to confirmation by the Permanent Representatives' Committee, the Council is invited to approve the position of the Union, according to the terms laid down in these documents.

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Provisional Agenda

1. TEXTS PRESENTED TO THE COOPERATION COUNCIL

- a) Adoption of the Agenda of the 18th meeting of the EU- Azerbaijan Cooperation Council
- b) Approval of the Minutes of the 17th EU-Azerbaijan Cooperation Council meeting held in Brussels on 18 December 2020

2. EU-AZERBAIJAN RELATIONS

- a) Update on negotiations on the new bilateral agreement between the EU and Azerbaijan
- b) EU-Azerbaijan Partnership Priorities and Sectoral cooperation (1. energy, transport, environment and climate change, 2. economic cooperation and trade 3. People- to-people contacts, mobility and health)
- c) Eastern Partnership

3. POLITICAL MATTERS (RESTRICTED SESSION)

- a) Armenia – Azerbaijan normalisation
- b) Democracy, Rule of Law and Human Rights
- c) Regional issues

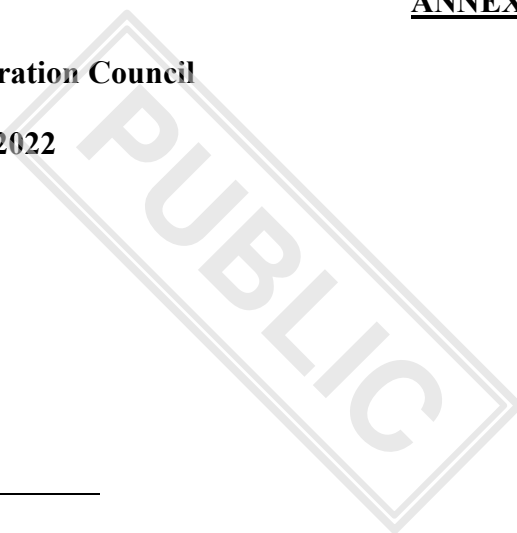
4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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