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Statement by the Council

The Council welcomes the Commission's proposal of 2 June 2020 to amend Decision No 1313/2013/EU and supports its objective of enabling more efficient, effective and flexible action under the Union Civil Protection Mechanism ("Union Mechanism") to better prepare the EU and its Member States for future major disasters.

In that context, it is important to ensure that past and current experiences with the management of the COVID-19 pandemic and other high impact risks are objectively analysed and taken into account in the review of the current Union Mechanism.

At the same time, the Council acknowledges the need to conclude negotiations quickly on those provisions of the proposal that relate to the financial envelope for the period 2021 - 2027, to ensure their entry into force by 1 January 2021 and thus to enable funding of the Union Mechanism.

The Council also acknowledges the need to ensure that only Covid-related measures partaking in the solidarity between the Member States can be financed from the EU Recovery Instrument.

Therefore, the Council has prioritised its position on these articles as set out in its partial general approach and is ready to start negotiations with the European Parliament on this basis.

Simultaneously, the Council is fully committed to continuing discussions on the remaining provisions of the proposal under the German Presidency, with a view to reaching an agreement on a strengthened and more robust Union Mechanism as soon as possible.
