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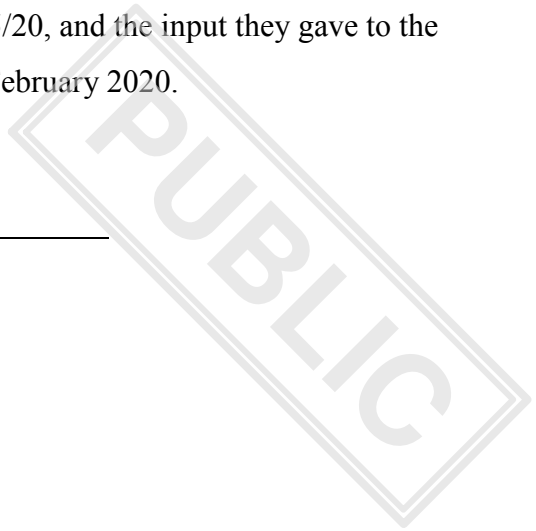
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At the EU-US Ministerial Meeting on Justice and Home Affairs on 23 June 2022, the EU and the U.S. endorsed the creation of the EU-US informal expert group on mutual legal assistance (MLA) and extradition. It is expected that the first meeting of the group will take place in Q4 of 2022 or Q1 of 2023.

In the Internal EU rules for work in the EU-US informal expert group, it is set out that the COPEN Working Party shall be convened in order to discuss the items that should be proposed, by the EU side, for the agenda of that meeting of the Expert Group. In this light, the Member States have been invited, by note 10842/22 of 4 July 2022, to propose agenda items for discussions at the first meeting(s).

Further to this invitation, several delegations (CZ, DE, FR, RO) submitted suggestions. On this basis, the Commission and the Presidency suggest that the items listed in the **Annex** will be proposed from the EU side for the draft agenda of the first meeting of EU-US informal expert group.

When scrutinising these suggestions in view of the COPEN meeting on 16 September 2022, Member States could consider reviewing document 5655/20, and the input they gave to the questions in that document at the CATS meeting on 24 February 2020.



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