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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: General Secretariat of the Council
On: 7 October 2022
To: Delegations

Subject: Summary of discussions at the meeting of the Working Party on
Information (Transparency)

1. Adoption of the agenda

The WPI agenda was adopted as in **CM 4603/22**.

2. Transparency priorities of the Czech Presidency of the Council of the European Union

The Presidency outlined its commitment to the defence of the protection of the EU values and referred to its strong engagement to strengthen the democratic institutions' resilience as one of the key priorities of the semester's programme. The Presidency also recalled its main actions as regards transparency.

3. European Ombudsman files

a. Complaint 1499/2021/SF

The General Secretariat explained the background of the case and the Decision of the Ombudsman. The Portuguese and French delegations highlighted the complexity and sensitivity of the file and the difficulty to weigh up all interests concerned.

b. Complaint 815/2022/MIG

The General Secretariat explained the context and the substance of the file and outlined the conclusions of the Ombudsman, where no maladministration was found in the Council's approach.

c. Strategic Inquiry SI/3/2022/LDS

The Legal Service representative indicated that the file is being handled by the RELEX Working Party (draft reply to the Ombudsman in WK 12840/22 on its meeting agenda of

10th October). The Chair invited delegations to contact their RELEX Working Party members for the follow-up on this file.

4. Confirmatory applications

a. no. 15/c/01/22

All delegations agreed with the draft reply (ST 12091/22), that will be submitted to Coreper (12 October) for approval and to the Council (13 October) for adoption.

b. no. 16/c/01/22

The majority of delegations was in favour of the draft reply (ST 12905/22). However, since the draft reply was only circulated on Wednesday 5th October, delegations who were not ready to express their position were invited to forward it by 11th October EOB.

The Lithuanian delegation announced some drafting suggestions that the General Secretariat will incorporate in a revised version of the draft reply.

Coreper's approval is foreseen on 14 October and Council's adoption on 17 October.

5. Any Other Business

None
