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## SUMMARY RECORD

# PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE

# 12, 14 and 17 October 2022

# I. <u>Adoption of the agenda</u>

13313/1/22 REV 1 OJ CRP1 35 13368/22 + ADD 1 + 13368/1/22 REV 1 OJ CRP2 35 COMIX 459

The Committee adopted the agenda.

#### II. <u>Approval of the "I" items</u>

The Committee approved the "I" items as set out in the Annex.

#### III. Discussion items

#### COREPER (PART 1)

## WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER 2022

#### **Transport, Telecommunications and Energy**

2. Meeting of the Council (Transport, Telecommunications and <u>Energy</u>) on 25 October 2022: Preparation

Revision of the Directive on the energy performance of 13194/22 buildings (recast) *General approach* 

The Committee started preparing this item for the Council meeting.

#### **Environment**

3. Revision of Regulation (EU) 2018/841 on greenhouse gas emissions and removals from land use, land use change and forestry (LULUCF) *Preparation for the trilogue* 

The Committee agreed to give the Presidency the mandate to continue negotiations in the trilogue on 12 October on the basis of the approach suggested by the Presidency.

#### **Agriculture and Fisheries**

4. Meeting of the Council (<u>Agriculture</u> and <u>Fisheries</u>) on 17 and 18 October 2022: Preparation

The Committee agreed to take AOBs requested by Austria and Finland, by Austria and Hungary and by Belgium in public.

ICCAT annual meeting 202212238/22Exchange of views12238/22

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

#### **Fisheries**

5.	Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the	13187/1/22 REV 1
	European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013,	12950/22
	as regards restrictions to the access to Union waters	+ ADD 1 REV 1
	Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement	+ ADD 2 REV 1

The Committee endorsed the text of the final compromise and mandated the Presidency to inform the European Parliament that, should the European Parliament adopt its position at first reading in accordance with this compromise (subject to revision by the legal linguists), the Council would approve the European Parliament's position and the act shall be adopted.

Statements by the Commission are set out in document 12950/22 ADD 1 REV 1 and ADD 2 REV 1.

#### <u>Transport</u>

6. Regulation on ensuring a level playing field for sustainable air 12946/22 transport (ReFuelEU Aviation initiative) *Preparation for the trilogue* 

The Committee agreed on a revised mandate for the forthcoming trilogue.

Regulation on the temporary waiver from the slot requirements 13116/22
 Preparation for the adoption of the legislative act
 Preparation for the Decision to derogate from the eight-week
 period provided for in Article 4 of Protocol 1 on the role of
 national parliaments in the EU

The committee agreed to forward the text for adoption by the Council and agreed to derogate from the 8 weeks rule for national parliaments.

# FRIDAY 14 OCTOBER 2022

#### **Internal Market and Industry**

8. Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 as regards the decisions of European standardisation organisations concerning European standards and European standardisation deliverables *Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue* 

The Presidency debriefed on the trilogue which took place on 12 October 2022.

#### **Environment**

 Regulation concerning batteries and waste batteries, repealing Directive 2006/66/EC and amending Regulation (EU) No 2019/1020 Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Presidency debriefed on the trilogue which took place on 11 October 2022.

- 10. Fit for 55 package: ETS revision
  - a) Revision of Directive 2003/87/EC establishing a scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading (ETS)
  - B) Revision of Decision (EU) 2015/1814 (market stability reserve)
     Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Presidency debriefed on the trilogue which took place on 10 October 2022.

Revision of Regulation (EU) 2018/842 on binding annual greenhouse gas emission reductions by Member States from 2021 to 2030 (ESR)
 Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Presidency debriefed on the trilogue which took place on 11 October 2022.

12. Regulation establishing a Social Climate Fund *Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue* 

The Presidency debriefed on the trilogue which took place on 13 October 2022.

3. (<u>continuation</u>) Revision of Regulation (EU) 2018/841 on greenhouse gas emissions and removals from land use, land use change and forestry (LULUCF) *Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue* 

The Presidency debriefed on the trilogue which took place on 12 October 2022.

## <u>Transport</u>

6. (<u>continuation</u>) Regulation on ensuring a level playing field for sustainable air transport (ReFuelEU Aviation initiative) *Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue* 

The Presidency debriefed on the trilogue which took place on 13 October 2022.

#### **Telecommunications**

13. Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 on the<br/>framework for a European Digital Identity<br/>*Guidance for further work*13142/22

The Committee provided guidance for further work.

## **Environment**

14. Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations for an<br/>international agreement on plastic pollution<br/>*Preparation for the adoption*13316/22

The Committee approved the draft Decision that will be, following lawyer-linguist finalisation, submitted for adoption to the ENVI Council on 24 October.

## Statement by the Commission

"The Commission welcomes the swift progress by the Council of the preparation and adoption of its decision to authorise the entering into negotiations on behalf of the European Union for an international agreement on plastic pollution.

The Commission considers it legally incorrect that a Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations indicates a substantive legal basis.

The Decision authorising the opening of negotiations is premised solely on the existence of conferred powers of the Union and not on a determination of a specific competence. Its effect is limited to authorising the Commission or the High Representative, as the case may be, to use its prerogatives under the EU Treaties in order to start negotiations. The scope of these negotiations is therefore determined by the scope of the powers of the Union. Besides, the freedom of the envisaged treaty partner of the Union as regards the determination of the scope of the negotiations. Thus, the precise legal basis for the future agreement can only be determined after the content of the agreement is known.

The Commission reserves all its rights in this regard.

The Commission also considers that the scope of the authorisation as set out in Article 1 of the Decision should extend to matters falling within all Union's competences, as defined by the Treaties. In this respect, the Commission considers it incorrect and contrary to case law of the Court to limit the authorisation to solely matters in respect of which the Union has exclusive competence. We understand this authorization covers areas where the Union has exercised competence to date, thus at least the sizeable number of Union rules on plastics set out in the Explanatory Memorandum of the Commission's recommendation to the Council which could be affected or altered in scope depending on what is negotiated. It also covers areas that are largely covered by Union rules. Further, we understand that the authorization also includes matters covered by foreseeable future developments of Union law on plastics, such as forthcoming proposals by the Commission on intentionally added microplastics, review of packaging and waste packaging directives and similar. Since the foreseeable developments of Union law fall within Union's exclusive competence, the Commission, as guardian of the Treaties, will monitor that there is no violation thereof.

The Commission will therefore pursue the negotiations in full respect of the above-mentioned provisions and principles.

The Commission reserves all its rights in this regard."

15. Meeting of the Council (Environment) on 24 October 2022: Preparation

The Committee agreed to take AOBs requested by Belgium, Slovenia and Spain, as well as the AOB by the Presidency on a Conference on Designing Climate Resilient Landscapes, in public.

1. Conclusions on the Convention on Biological Diversity 13118/22 (CBD)

(Montreal, Canada, 7-19 December 2022):

- a) Preparation of COP 15 to the CBD
- b) Preparation of COP-MOP 10 serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
- c) Preparation of COP-MOP 4 serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing

Approval

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

## Statement by Hungary

"Hungary recognises and promotes equality between men and women in accordance with the Fundamental Law of Hungary and the primary law, principles and values of the European Union, as well as commitments and principles stemming from international law. Equality between women and men is enshrined in the Treaties of the European Union as a fundamental value. In line with these and its national legislation, Hungary interprets gender as providing equal chances and opportunities for women and men.

Concerning paragraph "6ter" of the *Draft Council Conclusions on the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)*, Hungary states that supporting the adoption of the draft Council conclusions cannot be interpreted as support of the post-2020 Gender Plan of Action. Hungary does not wish to pre-empt the outcome of the still ongoing negotiations regarding the post-2020 Gender Plan of Action. Whereas the final content of the Gender Plan of Action is still unknown, hence Hungary reserves the right to form its final position upon the official adoption of the post-2020 Gender Plan of Action in this regard."

Conclusions on the preparations for the 27th Conference 13154/22 of the Parties (COP 27) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) (Sharm El-Sheik, Egypt, 6-18 November 2022) *Approval*

The Committee started preparing this item for the Council meeting.

3.	Revision of Directive 2010/75/EU on industrial emissions and Directive 1999/31/EC on the landfill of waste <i>Policy debate</i>	13104/22
The <b>(</b>	Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.	
4.	Regulation establishing a framework for setting eco- design requirements for sustainable products and repealing Directive 2009/125/EC <i>Policy debate</i>	13120/22

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

# COREPER (PART 2)

# WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER 2022

# **Justice and Home Affairs**

35.	Meeting of the Council (Justice and Home Affairs) on 13-14 October 2022: Preparation				
	<ul> <li>a) Overall state of the Schengen area</li> <li>i) Presentation of the barometer by the Commission</li> <li>ii) Presentation of the Strategic Risk Analysis 2022 by Frontex</li> </ul>		12901/22		
		ii) Presentation of the Strategic Risk Analysis 2022 by	10520/22		
		Exchange of views			
	The	Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.			
	b)	Asylum and migration Progress report and way forward	13110/22		
	The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.				
	c)	<ul> <li>Russia's aggression against Ukraine:</li> <li>i) Situation of refugees in the EU</li> <li>ii) Internal security implications</li> <li>Exchange of views</li> </ul>	12942/22		
	The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.				
	d)	Other items in connection with the Council meeting			
	The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency. A new AOB was added on the Justice day on US privacy shield information and one on the resilience of critical infrastructure on the Home Affairs day.				
<u>Gen</u>	eral A	Affairs			
36.		ting of the Council (General Affairs) on 18 October 2022: paration			
	a)	Electoral law Policy debate	12828/22 9333/22		

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

b)	Preparation of the European Council on 20-21 October 2022: Conclusions <i>Exchange of views</i>	11951/22
The	Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.	
c)	Follow-up to the Conference on the Future of Europe: Timing for submitting the European Parliament's proposals under Article 48(2) TEU	12849/22

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting and agreed to broaden this agenda item to the issue of the feedback event.

d) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency. At the request of the Commission an AOB on the communication on 'Enforcing EU law for a Europe that delivers" has been added.

38. 2022 Enlargement Package *Presentation by the Commission* 

Exchange of views

The Committee took note of the presentation provided by the Commission on the 2022 Enlargement Package and held an exchange of views.

## **Foreign Affairs**

- 39. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs) on 17 October 2022: Preparation
  - a) Current affairs

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

b) Russian aggression against Ukraine *Exchange of views* 

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

c) China Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

d) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Committee took note of the information provided by the EEAS.

#### **Economic and Financial Affairs**

40. Meeting of the Council (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 8 November 2022: Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda.

41. Meeting of the Council (Economic and Financial Affairs/Budget) on 11 November 2022: Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda.

# MONDAY 17 OCTOBER 2022

#### **General Affairs**

- 36. Meeting of the Council (General Affairs) on 18 October 2022: Preparation
  - b) Preparation of the European Council on 20-21 October 11952/22 2022: Conclusions *Exchange of views*

(<u>continuation</u>) The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

#### IV. Any other business

## **COREPER (PART 1)**

None.

## **COREPER (PART 2)**

None.

# "I" items approved

# COREPER (PART 1)

# WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER 2022

# **Institutional Affairs**

# Written questions

16.	Reply to a question for written answer submitted to the Council by Members of the European Parliament <i>Adoption by silence procedure</i>	13186/22 PE-QE
	Theodoros Zagorakis (PPE) "Preventing EU food shortages"	12602/22
	Appointments	
17.	One alternate member (AT) of the Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work <i>Adoption</i>	13082/22 SOC
18.	One member (SK) of the Management Board of the European Institute for Gender Equality <i>Adoption</i>	13085/22 SOC
19.	One alternate member (SK) of the Management Board of the European Institute for Gender Equality <i>Adoption</i>	13086/22 SOC
20.	Appointment of three Member States' representatives of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority <i>Adoption</i>	12668/22 12888/22 AGRILEG
	Other	
21.	Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on Intellectual Property (CI GIs) on 26 October 2022 <i>Approval</i>	13155/22 PI
22.	Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on International Environment Issues (Global) on 17 October 2022 <i>Approval</i>	13119/22 ENV

# **Judicial Affairs**

23.	Case C-451/22 (RTL Nederland and RTL Nieuws) <i>Information note</i>	13182/22 JUR	
EU	positions for international negotiations		
24.	Union position on the reply to ICAO State letters 58, 59, 60 and 61 <i>Approval</i>	12931/22 AVIATION	
<u>Cult</u>	ure/Audiovisual Matters		
25.	Council Decision amending Decision (EU) 2015/2169 on the conclusion of the Free Trade Agreement with the Republic of Korea Agreement in principle Request for the consent of the European Parliament	13252/22 12600/22 CULT AUDIO	
<u>Fish</u>	eries		
26.	Council Regulation amending Council Regulation (EU) 2020/1706 opening and providing for the management of autonomous Union tariff quotas for certain fishery products for the period 2021-2023 <i>Adoption</i>	13144/22 12621/22 PECHE	
<u>Spo</u>	<u>rt</u>		
27.	Replacement of a representative of the EU Member States in the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Foundation Board <i>Approval</i>	12667/22 SPORT	
Employment and Social Policy			
28.	Directive on improving the gender balance among non- executive directors of companies listed on stock exchanges and related measures Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons	13153/1/22 REV 1 + ADD 1 REV 1 10521/22 + ADD 1 SOC	

# Statement by Bulgaria

"The Republic of Bulgaria attaches great importance to the promotion and protection of human rights. The country is, and will remain, dedicated to its human rights commitments. In 2018, the Bulgarian Constitutional Court adopted a decision stating that the Council of Europe's Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence ('Istanbul Convention') promotes legal concepts related to the notion of 'gender' that are incompatible with the basic principles of the Bulgarian Constitution. Furthermore, in 2021, the Constitutional Court further clarified that the concept of 'sex' used in the Constitution, in the context of the national legal order, should be understood in its biological sense only (men and women).

Recognising the importance of the issue, the Republic of Bulgaria is not opposed to adopting the draft Directive on improving the gender balance between directors of companies listed on stock exchanges; however, in line with the abovementioned Constitutional Court decisions, it states that, in connection with the references to the term 'gender' in the Directive, the Republic of Bulgaria understands it in its biological sense only."

# Statement by Germany

"The Federal Republic of Germany interprets the Directive in such a way that the current German legal situation falls within the scope of the suspension clauses and that as a result Germany will not be required to transpose the Directive into national law once the suspension clauses have been invoked."

# Statement by Hungary

"Hungary considers initiatives to promote equal opportunities and equal treatment between women and men to be of the utmost importance, and therefore we generally support the aim of the proposed Directive to strengthen women's participation at all levels of decision-making, including in the economic sphere. Hungary recognizes and promotes equality between men and women in accordance with the Fundamental Law of Hungary, and the primary law, principles and values of the European Union, as well as commitments and principles stemming from the international law. For these reasons, the expression 'gender equality' will be interpreted by Hungary as equality between women and men, the expression 'gender balance' will be interpreted by Hungary as balance between women and men, in accordance with Articles 2 and 3 of the Treaty on the European Union and Article 8 and Article 157 paragraph 3 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. In connection with the above, the remaining expressions containing the term 'gender' will be interpreted by Hungary as sex, in accordance with Article 10, Article 19 paragraph 1 and Article 157 paragraphs 2 and 4 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

Furthermore Hungary declares that the Commission's Communication on 'A Union of Equality: Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025' referred to in the Directive should be interpreted with due regard to the national competences and the specific circumstances in each Member State.

Moreover, Hungary believes that the final text of the proposal does not take into account the fact that the Member States have very different situations when it comes to the proportions of women on boards in the companies concerned, and should therefore achieve very different levels of progress within the timeframe of the proposal. We believe that the degree of progress should have been better taken into account when applying the suspension clause.

Hungary believes that the final agreement among the co-legislators sacrifices too much of the suspension clause. The text has not kept the core elements of the suspension clause and, in addition, with the modified deadlines, the clause has been rendered meaningless. The penalties constitute an excessive interference in national law, thereby undermining the autonomy and flexibility of the Member States. The current formulation of Article 5 also imposes binding legal obligation to achieve the objectives. The final agreement also failed to satisfactorily address the concerns regarding the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality, and the need to appropriately take into consideration the different company and corporate laws of EU Member States. Consequently, Hungary is not in the position to support the adoption of this Directive."

#### Statement by Poland

"Equality between women and men is enshrined in the treaties of the European Union as a fundamental right. Poland ensures equality between women and men within the framework of the Polish national legal system in accordance with international human rights treaties and within the framework of the fundamental values and principles of the European Union. For these reasons, Poland will interpret the expression 'gender equality' as equality between women and men, and the expression 'gender balance' as balance between women and men, in accordance with Articles 2 and 3 of the Treaty on European Union and Articles 8 and 157(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. In view of the above, Poland will interpret other expressions containing the term 'gender' as referring to 'sex', in accordance with Article 10, Article 19(1) and Article 157(2) and (4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union."

29.	Key messages to accompany the Annual Employment Performance Report and Employment Performance Monitor (2022) <i>Endorsement</i>	12990/22 + ADD 1-2 SOC
30.	Key messages from the SPC based on the Annual Review of the Social Protection Performance Monitor (2022) <i>Endorsement</i>	12997/1/22 REV 1 + ADD 1-4 SOC
31.	Key messages from the Joint Social Protection Committee and European Commission Report on Minimum Income Endorsement	13051/1/22 REV 1 + ADD 1-4 SOC
Ene	<u>rgv</u>	
32.	An Energy Dialogue on behalf of the EU on energy matters with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and its Member States <i>Authorisation to negotiate an NBI</i>	12940/22 ENER

# **Internal Market and Industry**

33.	Memorandum of Understanding to establish a partnership on sustainable raw materials, batteries and renewable hydrogen value chains with Kazakhstan <i>Authorisation to negotiate an NBI</i>	12764/1/22 REV 1 Compet		
<u>FRI</u>	DAY 14 OCTOBER 2022			
Tra	<u>nsparency</u>			
34.	Public access to documents Confirmatory application No 16/c/01/22 Adoption	13072/1/22 REV 1 + REV 1 ADD 1 12905/1/22 REV 1 INF		
	Statement by The Netherlands is available in document 13072/22 REV 1	ADD 1.		
<u>Fore</u>	Foreign Affairs			
92.	Council Decisions on assistance measure under the European Peace Facility to support the Ukrainian Armed Forces <i>Adoption</i>	13360/22 + ADD 1 + ADD 2 13357/22 13359/22 CORLX		
	Statements by Austria, Ireland and Malta are set out in document 13360/2 13360/22 ADD 1 COR 1.	22 ADD 1 and		
	Statement by Germany is set out in document 13360/22 ADD 2.			
93.	Council Decision on a European Union Military Assistance Mission in support of Ukraine (EUMAM Ukraine) <i>Adoption</i>	12685/22 + COR 1 12684/22 CORLX		
94.	Council Decision on the European Union Monitoring Mission in Georgia (EUMM Georgia) Adoption	12925/22 + COR 1 12922/22 CORLX		

# COREPER (PART 2)

#### **Judicial Affairs**

42.	Case T-471/22 (QM / Council) Information note	13018/22 + COR 1-2 JUR
43.	Case T-497/22 (Marina Alexandrovna Mordashova v. Council) <i>Information note</i>	13218/22 JUR
44.	Case T-498/22 (Aleksandra Melnichenko v. Council) Information note	13228/22 JUR
45.	Case C-448/22 P (Stiftung für Forschung und Lehre (SFL) v. SRB, Kingdom of Spain, European Parliament, Council of the European Union, European Commission, Banco Santander SA) Case C-535/22 P (Aeris Invest SàrL v. SRB, Kingdom of Spain, European Parliament, Council of the European Union, European Commission, Banco Santander SA) Case C-539/22 P (Del Valle Ruíz and Others v Commission and SRB) Case C-551/22 P (Comisión Europea) <i>Information note</i>	13260/22 JUR

#### **Institutional Affairs**

#### Appointments

46.	Council Decision appointing the Secretary-General of the	13350/22
	Council of the European Union	13361/22
	Adoption	INST

#### Joint statement by Estonia and Poland

"As a follow-up to the informal meeting of the leaders in Prague on 7 October 2022, Estonia and Poland support the appointment of the new Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union. In that context, Estonia and Poland would like to stress the importance of achieving geographical balance with regard to management level appointments. Member States which have joined the European Union in 2004 or later continue to be underrepresented in this regard."

47.	A member and an alternate member (AT) of the Committee of	13090/22
	the Regions	13089/22
	Adoption	CDR

# Other

48.	Attendance of third parties at the Law Enforcement Working Party (Major Sports Events Experts) on 12 October 2022 <i>Approval</i>	13040/22 ENFOPOL
49.	Attendance of third parties at the Dual Use Working Party on 12 October 2022 <i>Approval</i>	13263/22 COMER
50.	Attendance of a third party at the Conventional Arms Exports (COARM) Subgroup of the Working Party on Non-Proliferation and Arms Exports on 14 October 2022 <i>Approval</i>	13239/22 COARM
51.	Attendance of additional third parties at the Working Party on Humanitarian Aid and Food Aid (COHAFA) on 18 and 19 October 2022 <i>Approval</i>	13258/22 COHAFA
52.	Attendance of a third party at the Security Accreditation Board meeting on 17 November 2022 <i>Approval</i>	12944/22 SAB
Tra	nsparency	
53.	Public access to documents Confirmatory application No 15/c/01/22 <i>Adoption</i>	12094/22 12091/22 + COR1 INF
54.	Complaint 788/2022/SF to the European Ombudsman <i>Approval of a letter</i>	13336/22 API INF
Eco	nomic and Financial Affairs	
55.	New Italian Commemorative Coin Information note	12536/22 UEM
56.	New Slovakian Commemorative Coin Information note	12740/22 UEM
57.	Interinstitutional exchange of views (Art. 16 OLAF Regulation): Mandate for the meeting on 26 October 2022 <i>Endorsement</i>	13055/22 GAF

58.	ECA SR No 20/2022 on EU action to combat illegal fishing Designation of a Working Party Attendance of the European Court of Auditors at the Working Party meeting	13064/22 FIN
59.	ECA SR No 13/2022 on free movement in the EU during the COVID-19 pandemic <i>Designation of a Working Party</i>	13161/22 FIN
60.	Council Implementing Decision on measures for the protection of the Union budget against breaches of the principles of the rule of law in Hungary: Extension of the one-month period <i>Approval</i>	13207/22 FIN

#### Joint statement by Belgium, Luxembourg, The Netherlands and Ireland

"We welcome the current constructive dialogue on the protection of the budget of the Union against breaches of the principles of the rule of law in Hungary, as well as the set of 17 remedial measures submitted to the Commission by the Hungarian authorities.

We therefore ask the Commission to provide shortly after 19 November 2022, a thorough and updated risk analysis allowing for the possibility to conclude whether or not there continues to be a "serious risk of undermining the sound financial management of the Union's budget or the protection of the Union's financial interests". If a risk remains, we invite the Commission to present an amended implementing decision to the Council, reflecting the Commission's updated risk assessment. It will then be up to the Council, to adopt the proposal following the procedure as laid down in the conditionality regulation.

We will continue to carefully monitor the situation and remain fully committed to finding lasting solutions for the protection of the budget of the Union."

61.	Amendments of the European Parliament to the Council's position on the draft budget for 2023 Non-approval of the European Parliament's amendment(s)	13209/22 FIN
62.	Transfer No DEC 17/2022 (Section III - Commission) Approval	13210/22 13061/22 FIN
63.	Transfer No DEC 18/2022 (Section III - Commission) Approval	13211/22 13059/22 FIN

# **General Affairs**

64.	PEGA committee of inquiry Approval of a letter	13048/22 12709/22 AG
65.	Flexible support for territories (FAST-CARE) – to address the consequences of the Russian aggression against Ukraine <i>Adoption of the legislative act</i>	e 13151/22 PE-CONS 48/22 COH
66.	EP resolutions and decisions (October I 2022) Information note	13196/22 PE-RE
<u>Just</u>	tice and Home Affairs	
67.	Agreement with North Macedonia on the operational activitie carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard in North Macedonia	
	a) Council Decision on the signing <i>Adoption</i>	12894/22 12896/22
	b) Council Decision on the conclusion Request for the consent of the European Parliament	12895/22 12896/22
	Statement by Bulgaria is set out in document 13185/22 ADD	1
68.	Decision on the non-recognition of Russian travel documents issued in occupied foreign regions Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament	13192/22 FRONT
Fore	eign Affairs	
69.	Conclusions on the Trade and Sustainability Review <i>Approval</i>	13241/22 POLCOM
70.	Council Decision on the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) - Budget <i>Adoption</i>	11562/22 11561/22 CORLX

71.	Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations for the amendment of the Agreement between the European Space Agency and the European Union on the security and exchange of classified information <i>Adoption</i>	11577/22 + COR 1 11576/22 + ADD 1 CORLX
72.	Council Decision in support of the United Nations Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects <i>Adoption</i>	11710/22 11709/22 + ADD1 CORLX
90.	Restrictive measures in view of the situation in Mali - pre- notifications <i>Approval</i>	12675/22 CORLX
91.	Council Decision appointing the European Union Special Representative for the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue and other Western Balkan regional issues <i>Adoption</i>	12739/22 12738/22 CORLX
73.	Council Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Burundi <i>Adoption</i>	12915/22 12911/22 12914/22 CORLX
74.	European Ombudsman's Strategic inquiry SI/3/2022/LDS concerning transparency as regards documents on sanctions <i>Approval of a letter</i>	13004/22 CORLX
75.	Council Decision and Regulation concerning restrictive measures against the Republic of Guinea <i>Adoption</i>	13170/22 13167/22 13169/22 CORLX
76.	DRC restrictive measures - pre-notifications Approval	13345/22 + COR 1 CORLX
77.	Council Implementing Decision and Regulation concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Iran <i>Adoption</i>	13296/22 13293/22 13295/22 CORLX
78.	Iran Human Rights restrictive measures - pre-notifications <i>Approval</i>	13335/22 CORLX

# 79. UfM Ministerial on Strengthening the Role of Women in 12871/22 Society MAMA Authorisation to sign an NBI 12871/22

#### Statement by Hungary

"Hungary remains dedicated to its human rights commitments and to combat all forms of violence against women and domestic violence. However, we must underline that the Hungarian National Assembly decided not to include in the Hungarian national legal system the Istanbul Convention and called upon the Government not to take any further steps for the expression of consent to be bound by the Istanbul Convention.

Therefore, the acceptance of this Declaration does not imply a commitment to ratification or full acceptance of the approach of the Istanbul Convention."

#### Statement by Poland

"Equality between women and men is enshrined in the treaties of the European Union as a fundamental right. Poland ensures equality between women and men within the Polish national legal system in accordance with international human rights treaties and within the framework of the fundamental values and principles of the European Union. For these reasons, the expression "gender equality" will be interpreted by Poland as referring to women and men, in accordance with Article 2 and 3 of the Treaty on European Union and Article 8 and 157 para. 3 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. In connection with the above, the remaining expressions containing the term "gender" will be interpreted by Poland as "sex", in accordance with Article 10, Article 19 para 1 and Article 157 para 2 and 4 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union."

80.	Iran restrictive measures - coordination with third countries <i>Approval</i>	13034/1/22 REV 1 MOG
81.	Joint Statement with the United States of America in the framework of the EU-US Trade and Technology Council <i>Authorisation to negotiate an NBI</i>	13329/22 TTC
EU positions for international negotiations		
82.	Council Decision on the EU position in the International Grains Council regarding external auditor's contract period <i>Adoption</i>	12436/22 12491/22 PROBA
83.	Council Decision on the EU position on accession of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the International Olive Oil Council <i>Adoption</i>	12500/22 12503/22 + ADD 1 PROBA
84.	Council Decision on the EU position on accession of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the International Olive Oil Council <i>Adoption</i>	12516/22 12518/22 + ADD 1 PROBA

85.	Council Decision on the EU position within the EU-Singapore FTA Trade Committee <i>Adoption</i>	12680/22 + ADD 1 12681/22 + ADD 1 POLCOM	
86.	Council Decision on the EU position concerning Annex B of the International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives, 2015 <i>Adoption</i>	12520/22 12545/22 PROBA	
87.	Council Decision on the EU position concerning the update of Annex XV (Approximation of customs legislation) to the Association Agreement with Ukraine <i>Adoption</i>	13096/22 12788/22 + ADD1 UD	
88.	Council Decision on the EU position on the Rules of procedure of EU-Armenia Sub-Committee on Geographical Indications under CEPA <i>Adoption</i>	13220/22 12753/22 + ADD 1 COEST	
<u>Othe</u>	Other items		
89.	Interim approval of a cryptographic product <i>Approval</i>	13029/22 <b>R-UE</b> CSCI CSC	