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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council  
Subject: Draft Council conclusions on enhancing organ donation and  
transplantation  
*- Statement by the Republic of Austria and Croatia*

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Delegations will find in Annex a statement by the Republic of Austria and Croatia to be included in the minutes of the EPSCO Council (Health) on 3 December 2024.

**Statement by the Republic of Austria and Croatia**

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*Conclusions on enhancing organ donation and transplantation*

Austria and Croatia welcome the Council conclusions on enhancing organ donation and transplantation and express their sincere thanks to the Hungarian Presidency for presenting the paper and successfully guiding the negotiation process.

The primary objective remains optimizing and ensuring the best possible treatment and supply for patients, and we consider the Council conclusions to be an important step towards achieving this goal. At the same time, in the spirit of open and constructive dialogue, Austria and Croatia would like to note a concern regarding the specific wording on organ donation after circulatory determination of death (DCDD, paragraph 30) and the reference to national legislation. In our view, it seems important to continuously and critically reflect on existing conditions and to evaluate possible options for adaptation to enable optimisations in order to ensure adequate supply for patients in the long term.

This comment is intended as a constructive contribution to further discussions on the approach to DCDD, without in any way questioning the undeniable value of the Council conclusions for patients, which is clearly recognized overall. Therefore, and this must be emphasized in conclusion, Austria and Croatia fully support the approval of the Council conclusions.

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