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1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in 5477/22.

2. Approval of 'A' items

(a) Non-legislative list

5478/22

The Council adopted the "A" items listed in 5478/22 including COR and REV documents presented for adoption. Statements to these items are set out in the Addendum.

(b) Legislative list (public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

5479/22

Justice and Home Affairs

1. **Directive amending Council Framework Decision 2002/465/JHA as regards its alignment with EU rules on the protection of personal data**



5258/22
PE-CONS 77/21
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Adoption of the legislative act

approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 21 January 2022

The Council approved the European Parliament's position at first reading and the proposed act has been adopted, pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. (Legal basis: Article 16(2) TFEU)

2. **Directive amending Directive 2014/41/EU as regards its alignment with EU rules on the protection of personal data**



5259/22
PE-CONS 78/21
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Adoption of the legislative act

approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 21 January 2022

The Council approved the European Parliament's position at first reading and the proposed act has been adopted, pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. (Legal basis: Article 16(2) TFEU)

Health

3. **Regulation on a reinforced role for the European Medicines Agency in crisis preparedness and management for medicinal products and medical devices**  5439/22 +ADD 1
PE-CONS 76/21
SAN

Adoption of the legislative act
approved by Coreper, Part 1, on 19 January 2022

The Council approved the European Parliament's position at first reading and the proposed act has been adopted, pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. (Legal basis: Articles 114 and 168(4) TFEU)

A statement by Hungary is set out in the Annex.

Non-legislative activities


3. **Priorities of the French Presidency** 

Presentation by the Presidency
Exchange of views

The Presidency outlined the priorities for its term, in particular as regards the work of the General Affairs Council. This item was taken in public session.

Legislative deliberations

(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

4. **‘Reinforcing democracy and integrity of elections’ legislative package**  5172/22 + COR 1
Policy debate

The Council held a policy debate on the legislative package.

5. **Any other business**

No issues were raised under this item.

Non-legislative activities

6. Conference on the Future of Europe
Information from the Presidency
Exchange of views
7. COVID-19: coordination at EU level
State of play
8. EU-UK relations
State of play
9. Any other business



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal



Public debate (Article 8(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)

Statements to the legislative "A" items set out in doc. 5479/22

Ad "A" item 3: **Regulation on a reinforced role for the European Medicines Agency in crisis preparedness and management for medicinal products and medical devices**
Adoption of the legislative act

STATEMENT BY HUNGARY

“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 the commitments and principles stemming from the international law. Furthermore, 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 the concept of ‘gender’ as reference to ‘sex’, in the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a reinforced role for the European Medicines Agency in crisis preparedness and management for medicinal products and medical devices.”
