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NOTE

From:	Presidency
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down rules to prevent and combat child sexual abuse - State of play of interinstitutional negotiations and request for written contributions

1. State of play of the negotiations

At the meeting of JHA counsellors on 27 January 2026, the Presidency informed delegations about the outcome of the first and the second interinstitutional meeting (ITM) on the Proposal for a Regulation laying down rules to prevent and combat child sexual abuse (CSA Regulation) and got preliminary feedback from delegations to the proposals outlined in 5578/26. The two ITMs were dedicated to provisions related to Chapter IV of the CSA Regulation on the EU Centre, covering Articles 40, 41 and 44-82. While Article 42 (seat of the EU Centre) is excluded from the negotiations, Article 43 is going to be redrafted to avoid the duplication of references.

The outcome of the ITM of 15 January covering Articles 40, 41 and 44-56 is included in the version of the four-column table circulated on 22 January (WK 913/2026), while the outcome of the ITM of 23 January covering Articles 57-82 is included in WK 1143/2026 issued on 27 January.

2. Provisionally agreed lines and questions to delegations

Following the ITM on 23 January 2026, delegations are provided with the identical lines, the provisionally agreed lines, lines requiring their feedback, as well as lines concerning political issues to be addressed at the trilogue.

A. Identical lines proposed for endorsement at the trilogue

The following lines of Articles 57-82 in Chapter IV are identical in the mandates of both co-legislators and have been proposed for endorsement at the next trilogue:

750, 752, 754, 755, 758, 759, 760, 762, 763-766, 769, 770, 773, 774, 781, 783-786, 789-798, 799, 800, 804, 805, 806-808, 810-816, 820-827, 829, 830, 832, 839, 841, 845, 850, 864, 871, 872, 875, 881-883, 886, 887, 889-892, 895-897, 899-901, 903-910, 912-921, 923, 924, 926, 927.

B. Provisionally agreed lines

The following lines have been provisionally agreed at technical level, except the parts in brackets:

749, 751, 751e-n, 753, 756, 758a-f, 758h-l, 758n-q, 758s-w, 761, 762a, 767, 768, 771, 772, 808a, 809, 817, 831, 834, 835, 837, 838, 847, 848c, 865, 866, 867, 867a,b, 867d,e, 870a,b, 870d-m, 872a, 874a, 876, 877, 878, 880, 880a-c, 888, 911, 922, 925, 929.

C. Lines requiring feedback from delegations

Based on the technical discussions, the Presidency invites delegations to examine the amendments suggested below and to reply to the following questions:

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Article 51a (EP only – see WK 913/2026)

- Lines 719a--e: The European Parliament position requires the EU Centre to keep logs related to the processing of personal data. The Council had discussed the possibility of including provisions on the obligation for providers to keep logs related to detection obligations, which is not part of the Council mandate due to the absence of detection obligations.

  Should the EU Centre be obliged to keep logs for the processing of personal data for the purposes proposed by the European Parliament?

Article 56 (see WK 913/2026)

- Line 744a: Should one member of the Victims Board and one representative of the Technology Committee attend meetings of the Management Board as observers?

Article 57 and new Article 66b

- Lines 751c/850b and 751d: Should the Single Programming Document and the budget be adopted by the Management Board by a two-thirds majority as proposed by the European Parliament and in line with the common approach on decentralised agencies?
- Line 756a: Should the Management Board consult the Victims Board when preparing the Single Programming Document (line 751b) and on the communication and dissemination plans (line 758)?

Article 64

- Line 818: Should the Executive Director report twice a year on the progress in relation to internal and external audits also to the European Parliament, in addition to the Commission?
- Line 828: Can you support the addition of the text "according to the principles of good governance" to the provision on locating staff of the EU Centre in another Member State?

Article 65

- Line 833: Should the assessment for the possible renewal of the Executive Director's term of office be completed by the Management Board with the support of the Commission or could it be done by the Commission as initially proposed?
- Line 836: Can you accept that a proposal from the Commission is required for the Management Board to be able to dismiss the Executive Director?

Section 6: Articles 66b – 70a

- Lines 849-880c: Can you support the Presidency compromise regarding the new structure of the financial provisions in line with the AMLA Regulation?

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Article 69

- Line 870: Can you agree to include a provision allowing that budgetary commitments for actions relating to large-scale projects extending over more than one financial year may be broken down into several annual instalments?

  The Presidency would find this useful in view of the requirement to have a legal basis for doing so in the basic act in accordance with Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/715 on the framework financial regulation for the bodies set up under the TFEU and Euratom Treaty and referred to in Article 70 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

Article 69a

- Lines 870n, o: Can you support to maintain those standard provisions on the role of the Executive Director in the implementation of the budget and his/her reporting obligations to the Parliament and Council on evaluation procedures? These provisions would be aligned with Art. 79(1) and (2) of the AMLA Regulation.

Article 70

- Line 873: Can you agree to exclude the Commission from the list of recipients of the EU Centre's report on the budgetary and financial management in line with Art. 255(1) Financial Regulations?
- Lines 874 and 874a: Can you agree to maintain the wording proposed by the Commission in line 874 with the addition requested by the Council reflected in line 874a, and the deletion of "~~The Executive Director shall submit them to the Management Board for an opinion~~". This would ensure alignment with the Art. 251(3) and (4) Financial Regulations and Art. 80(3) and (4) AMLA Regulation. In line 875, it is ensured that the Management Board will deliver an opinion on the final accounts.
- Line 879: Can you agree with deleting the reference to Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 as this legislative act is no longer in force?

Article 71

- Line 885: Can you support the Presidency compromise to limit the counselling and support services to specific EU Centre staff "**to address mental health issues resulting from the performance of their professional tasks**"?

Article 76

- Can you support the amendment requested by the Commission to clarify that the Translation Centre should be the only provider of linguistic services to the EU Centre except interpretation?

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Article 82

- Can you accept to drop the Council AM allowing the possibility for national experts seconded to the Commission to be seconded to the EU Centre, since secondments to the Commission are usually for specific posts?

D. Political issues in preparation of the trilogue

- **Name and scope of the Victims Board (Article 66a, lines 848c-r)**

  While not having been proposed by the Commission, both co-legislators included the establishment of an advisory body to the EU Centre representing victims in their respective positions. The Council chose the name "Victims Board", according to the EP the name would be "Victims' Rights and Survivors Consultative Forum". The Presidency suggests finding a compromise and proposes the alternative name "**Victims Consultative Forum**" for consideration of delegations. Consultative Forum is also a term used for advisory bodies in other agencies.

  Beyond the name of that advisory body, the Presidency has prepared a **compromise text regarding its establishment and tasks** and invites delegations whether they can support that proposal.

- **Fundamental Rights Officer (lines 756b and 848s-ae)**

  Following the example of JHA agencies (Europol, Frontex, EUAA), the European Parliament proposes the designation of a Fundamental Rights Officer to be appointed by the Management Board and reporting directly to the Executive Director. The list of tasks reflects the ones of similar positions in other agencies. Taking into account the high relevance of fundamental rights implications for the performance of tasks of the EU Centre, the Presidency asks delegations for their views about **designating a Fundamental Rights Officer** as suggested by the EP.

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3. Questions to Member States

Member States are invited:

1. to endorse the provisional agreement on the lines listed under point B.
2. to examine the suggestions and to reply to the questions outlined under point C.
3. to provide their preliminary views on the political issues in preparation of the trilogue.

The Presidency invites delegations to provide their **written feedback by 3 February 2026** which may include also replies to the previous note 5578/26.

4. Next steps

The next ITMs taking place on 30 January and 2 February 2026 are planned to focus on Chapter III (supervision, enforcement and cooperation, Articles 25-39) and Section 6 of Chapter II (obligations of providers, Articles 19-24).

The ITM on 13 February 2026 is planned to reach compromises at technical level on Chapter IV (EU Centre) in preparation of the trilogue on 26 February 2026.

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