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4. JHA Strategic guidelines

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Exchange of views

Approval

The Council discussed the draft strategic guidelines for legislative and operational planning within the area of freedom, security and justice. Further consultations will take place on the way forward in view of their endorsement, in accordance with Article 68 TFEU, by the Heads of State and Government.

5. Migration - Follow-up to the Extraordinary JHA Council of 4 March 2020¹

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Exchange of views

The Council discussed the state of play on migration and the current situation on the Greek border with Turkey.

Any other business

– Working methods in connection with the Coronavirus

The Italian delegation raised the point at the start of the Council and stressed that the measures taken were insufficient in its view. All meetings should be held via videoconferencing. The Secretary-General recalled the decision taken by the President of the European Council, the President of the European Commission and the Presidency of the Council based on upholding the capacity of the union to take decisions, to limit the spread of disease while adapting the work of the institutions. The Secretary-General listed the measures taken in the Council and took good note of the comments.

– Application of Schengen borders code in connection with the coronavirus

The Commission stressed the urgent need for coordinated national measures at internal borders and informed Member States on the forthcoming adoption of guidelines on this matter based on proportionality, coordination and non discrimination of such measures in line with the Schengen Borders Code. The Commission's intention to adopt guidelines on this matter was welcomed by several Member States.

Italy supported the Commission, highlighting the problems experienced at its borders in terms of circulation and delivery of essential goods and services.

¹ Exceptionally, in the presence of the Schengen Associated States