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Subject: MONTHLY SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTS - MARCH 2020

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- the date of adoption,
- the relevant Council session,
- the number of the document adopted,
- the Official Journal reference,
- reference to the minutes of the Council session when the act was adopted.

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INFORMATION ON THE ACTS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL IN MARCH 2020

3754th meeting of the Council of the European Union (Environment) held in Brussels on 5 March 2020 (Minutes: 6603/20)

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTS

ACT

DOCUMENT

<p><i>Council Decision on the conclusion of a Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement (SFPA) with the Republic of The Gambia and of the Implementation Protocol thereto</i> Council Decision (EU) 2020/392 of 5 March 2020 on the conclusion of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of The Gambia and of the Protocol on the implementation of that Partnership Agreement OJ L 75, 11.3.2020, p. 1–3</p>	<p align="right">8974/19</p>
<p><i>Schengen Evaluation Recommendation - UK SIS</i> Council Implementing Decision setting out a recommendation on addressing the serious deficiencies identified in the 2017 evaluation of the United Kingdom on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of the Schengen Information System</p>	<p align="right">6554/20</p>
<p><i>Council Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Ukraine - review</i> Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/373 of 5 March 2020 amending Decision 2014/119/CFSP concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Ukraine OJ L 71, 6.3.2020, p. 10–13</p>	<p align="right">6062/20</p>
<p>Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/370 of 5 March 2020 implementing Regulation (EU) No 208/2014 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Ukraine OJ L 71, 6.3.2020, p. 1–4</p>	<p align="right">6064/20</p>
<p><i>Council Implementing Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya - UN transposition</i> Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2020/374 of 5 March 2020 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya OJ L 71, 6.3.2020, p. 14–16</p>	<p align="right">6359/20</p>

Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/371 of 5 March 2020 implementing Article 21(5) of Regulation (EU) 2016/44 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya OJ L 71, 6.3.2020, p. 5–7	6360/20
<i>Council Decision on the accession of Solomon Islands to the EU-Pacific Interim Partnership Agreement</i> Council Decision (EU) 2020/409 of 17 February 2020 on the accession of Solomon Islands to the Interim Partnership Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Pacific States, of the other part OJ L 85, 20.3.2020, p. 1–334 OJ L 85, 20.3.2020, p. 1–2	9405/19
3756th meeting of the Council of the European Union (Justice and Home Affairs) held in Brussels on 13 March 2020 (Minutes: 6825/20)	
NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTS	
ACT	DOCUMENT
Public access to documents Confirmatory application No 02/c/01/20	5694/20
<i>Council Decision on the conclusion of the EU-Viet Nam FTA</i> Council Decision on the conclusion of the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam	6449/20
<i>Council Decision concerning restrictive measures against the Central African Republic - UN transposition</i> Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/408 of 17 March 2020 amending Decision 2013/798/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Central African Republic OJ L 80I, 17.3.2020, p. 1–1	6207/20

Written procedure completed on 13 March 2020	CM 1843/20
<i>Council Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine - review</i> Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/399 of 13 March 2020 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine OJ L 78, 13.3.2020, p. 44–85	5478/20
Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/398 of 13 March 2020 implementing Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine OJ L 78, 13.3.2020, p. 1–43	5480/20
Written procedure completed on 17 March 2020	CM 1861/20
<i>Council Decision concerning restrictive measures against the Central African Republic - UN transposition</i> Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/408 of 17 March 2020 amending Decision 2013/798/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Central African Republic OJ L 80I, 17.3.2020, p. 1–1	6207/20
Written procedure completed on 19 March 2020	CM 1850/20
<i>Council Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Egypt - review</i> Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/418 of 19 March 2020 amending Decision 2011/172/CFSP concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Egypt OJ L 86, 20.3.2020, p. 11–17	6407/20
Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/416 of 19 March 2020 implementing Regulation (EU) No 270/2011 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Egypt OJ L 86, 20.3.2020, p. 3–8	6408/20

<p><i>Council Implementing Decision and Regulation concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic Republic of the Congo - UN update</i></p> <p>Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2020/417 of 19 March 2020 implementing Decision 2010/788/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic Republic of the Congo</p> <p>OJ L 86, 20.3.2020, p. 9–10</p>	6352/20
<p>Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/415 of 19 March 2020 implementing Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1183/2005 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against persons acting in violation of the arms embargo with regard to the Democratic Republic of the Congo</p> <p>OJ L 86, 20.3.2020, p. 1–2</p>	6354/20
<p>Written procedure completed on 20 March 2020</p>	CM 1899/20
<p><i>Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the False and Authentic Documents Online (FADO) system and repealing Council Joint Action 98/700/JHA (2018/0330 B COD) – Adoption of the legislative act</i></p> <p>Regulation (EU) 2020/493 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 March 2020 on the False and Authentic Documents Online (FADO) system and repealing Council Joint Action 98/700/JHA</p> <p>OJ L 107, 6.4.2020, p. 1–8</p>	97/1/19 REV1
<p>Written procedure completed on 20 March 2020</p>	CM 1901/20
<p><i>Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 862/2007 on Community statistics on migration and international protection (2018/0154 COD)</i></p> <p><i>- Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons</i></p> <p>Position of the Council at first reading with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 862/2007 on Community statistics on migration and international protection - Adopted by the Council on 20 March 2020</p>	15300/1/19 REV1

Statement of the Council's reasons	15300/1/19 REV 1 ADD 1
<p>Statement by Malta and Slovakia</p> <p>We acknowledge the efforts of the Presidency to reach a compromise with the European Parliament on the draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 862/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics on migration and international protection.</p> <p>However, we cannot accept the compromise as stated in the "Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 862/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics on migration and international protection" (ST 15300/19).</p> <p>Our concerns on this draft regulation, as already expressed during several Council Working Parties on Statistics, and during the COREPER meetings of 20 November 2019, 4 December 2019 and 15 January 2020, and also through the silence procedure that was launched, have not been addressed. The lack of real and relevant justification for the additional data and their added value for policy making persists, and the double-reporting problem has not been adequately catered for but left unclear. Furthermore, the change to recital 11, wherein requesting the prioritization of the inclusion of data requirements in the legal architecture of the regulation, has exacerbated our problem on the process since this is enabling the circumvention of an appropriate impact assessment vis-à-vis their policy-needs and creating unsubstantiated high resource and administrative constraints for Member States</p>	
Written procedure completed on 20 March 2020	CM 1910/20
<p><i>Approval of transfers of appropriations No DEC 01/2020 and DEC 02/2020 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2020</i></p> <p>Transfer of appropriations No DEC 01/2020 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2020</p> <p>Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 02/2020 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2020</p>	<p>6756/1/20 REV 1 6757/1/20 REV 1</p>
Written procedure completed on 23 March 2020	CM 1923/20
<p><i>Council Decision concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina - renewal</i></p> <p>Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/435 of 23 March 2020 amending Decision 2011/173/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina</p> <p>OJ L 89, 24.3.2020, p. 4-4</p>	6355/20

<p><i>Council Decision on a European Union military mission to contribute to the training of the Malian Armed Forces (EUTM Mali) - mandate extension</i></p> <p>Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/434 of 23 March 2020 amending Decision 2013/34/CFSP on a European Union military mission to contribute to the training of the Malian Armed Forces (EUTM Mali)</p> <p>OJ L 89, 24.3.2020, p. 1–3</p>	6343/20
<p>Written procedure completed on 23 March 2020</p>	CM 1924/20
<p><i>Council Decision on a temporary derogation from the Council's Rules of Procedure in view of the travel difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Union</i></p> <p>Council Decision (EU) 2020/430 of 23 March 2020 on a temporary derogation from the Council's Rules of Procedure in view of the travel difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Union</p> <p>OJ L 88I, 24.3.2020, p. 1–2</p>	6891/20
<p>Written procedure completed on 24 March 2020</p>	CM 1950/20
<p>Public access to documents - Confirmatory application No 04/c/01/20</p>	5944/20
<p>Written procedure completed on 25 March 2020</p>	CM 1920/20
<p><i>Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Trade Committee of the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Singapore on the interpretation, pursuant to Article 16.1(4)(d), of Articles 10.17 and 10.22 of that Agreement as regards changes to the protection of geographical indications for wines, spirits, agricultural products and foodstuffs registered in Singapore - Adoption</i></p> <p>Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Trade Committee of the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Singapore on the interpretation, pursuant to Article 16.1(4)(d), of Articles 10.17 and 10.22 of that Agreement as regards changes to the protection of geographical indications for wines, spirits, agricultural products and foodstuffs registered in Singapore</p>	6483/20

Written procedure completed on 25 March 2020	CM 1927/20
<i>Council Decision as regards the extension of the period of entitlement for audiovisual co-productions as provided for in Article 5 of the Protocol on Cultural Cooperation to the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part</i> Council Decision (EU) 2020/470 of 25 March 2020 as regards the extension of the period of entitlement for audiovisual co-productions as provided for in Article 5 of the Protocol on Cultural Cooperation to the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part OJ L 101, 1.4.2020, p. 1–2	6872/20
Written procedure completed on 25 March 2020	CM 1953/20
Public access to documents - Confirmatory application No 03/c/01/20	5966/1/20 REV 1
Written procedure completed on 25 March 2020	CM 1876/20
Public access to documents - Confirmatory application No 07/c/01/20	6435/20
Written procedure completed on 25 March 2020	CM 1926/20
<i>Union Position on the reply to ICAO State letter as regards the revision of chapter 9 of annex 9 (Facilitation) to the Convention on International Civil Aviation in respects of standards and recommended practices on passenger name record data - Approval</i> Union Position on the reply to ICAO State letter as regards the revision of chapter 9 of annex 9 (Facilitation) to the Convention on International Civil Aviation in respects of standards and recommended practices on passenger name record data Approval	6744/20
Written procedure completed on 25 March 2020	CM 1934/20
<i>Proposal for a Council Decision on the renewal of the Agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and Ukraine</i> Council Decision on the renewal of the Agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and Ukraine	6101/20
Written procedure completed on 25 March 2020	CM 1935/20
<i>Proposal for a Council Decision on the renewal of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the Republic of India</i> Council Decision on the renewal of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the Republic of India	6104/20

Written procedure completed on 25 March 2020	CM 1946/20
<i>Council conclusions on Enlargement and Stabilisation and Association Process The Republic of North Macedonia and the Republic of Albania</i> Enlargement and stabilisation and association process the Republic of North Macedonia and the Republic of Albania Council conclusions	7002/20
Written procedure completed on 26 March 2020	CM 1962/20
<i>Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1838 as regards certain fishing opportunities for 2020 in the Baltic Sea and other waters, and correcting and amending Regulation (EU) 2020/123 as regards certain fishing opportunities for 2020 in Union and non-Union waters - Adoption</i> Council Regulation (EU) 2020/455 of 26 March 2020 amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1838 as regards certain fishing opportunities for 2020 in the Baltic Sea and other waters, and Regulation (EU) 2020/123 as regards certain fishing opportunities for 2020 in Union and non- Union waters OJ L 97, 30.3.2020, p. 1–10	6819/20
Written procedure completed on 26 March 2020	CM 1859/20
Public access to documents - Confirmatory application No 05/c/01/20	6042/20
Written procedure completed on 26 March 2020	CM 1866/20
Public access to documents - Confirmatory application No 06/c/01/20	6245/20

Written procedure completed on 26 March 2020	CM 1930/20
<i>Council Decision appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2020 to 25 January 2025</i> Council Decision appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2020 to 25 January 2025	6097/1/20 REV 1
Written procedure completed on 27 March 2020	CM 1947/20
<i>Council Decision on the signing and conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the Central African Republic on the status of the European Union CSDP Advisory Mission in the Central African Republic (EUAM RCA)</i> Council Decision on the signing and conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Central African Republic on the status of the European Union CSDP Advisory Mission in the Central African Republic (EUAM RCA)	6636/20
<i>Council Decision amending Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya</i> Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/458 of 27 March 2020 amending Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya OJ L 97, 30.3.2020, p. 13–13	6905/20
Written procedure completed on 27 March 2020	CM 1963/20
<i>Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the International Grains Council with respect to the accession of the Republic of Serbia to the Grains Trade Convention, 1995</i> Council Decision (EU) 2020/457 of 27 March 2020 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the International Grains Council concerning the accession of the Republic of Serbia to the Grains Trade Convention, 1995 OJ L 97, 30.3.2020, p. 12–12	CM 1963/20 6679/20
Written procedure completed on 27 March 2020	CM 1897/20
Public access to documents - Confirmatory application No 02/c/01/20	6867/20

Written procedure completed on 30 March 2020	CM 1951/20
<p><i>Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, Regulation (EU) No 1301/2013 and Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 as regards specific measures to mobilise investments in the health care systems of the Member States and in other sectors of their economies in response to the COVID-19 outbreak [Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative] (2020/0043 (COD)) – Adoption of the legislative act – Derogation from the 8-week period provided for in Article 4 of Protocol 1 on the role of national Parliaments in the EU</i></p> <p>Regulation (EU) 2020/460 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 March 2020 amending Regulations (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013 and (EU) No 508/2014 as regards specific measures to mobilise investments in the healthcare systems of Member States and in other sectors of their economies in response to the COVID-19 outbreak (Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative)</p> <p>OJ L 99, 31.3.2020, p. 5–8</p>	5/1/20 REV1
<p>Statement by Spain</p> <p>Spain looks forward to the presentation by the European Commission of a new proposal on flexibility</p>	
<p>Statement by Greece</p> <p>We insist that the Commission must propose further amendments for all Regulations granting the necessary ability to Member States to use ESI funds as an effective and forceful response to the COVID-19 crisis by allowing, among other, transfers of money between all the Funds and between categories of regions, higher co-financing rates, more flexibility in thematic concentration requirements, allow eligibility also for completed operations that are implemented specifically for covid crisis, allow support irrespective of the size of the enterprise and provide for an extension of eligibility period for one more year</p>	
<p>Statement by the Commission</p> <p>The Commission will do all that is necessary to mitigate the social and economic impact of the COVID-19 outbreak. Specifically, as the situation evolves, the Commission will examine carefully any additional needs identified by Member States, including with regard to Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and related fund-specific regulations</p>	

Written procedure completed on 30 March 2020	CM 1952/20
<p><i>Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 in order to provide financial assistance to Member States and countries negotiating their accession to the Union seriously affected by a major public health emergency (2020/0044 COD) – Adoption of the legislative act</i></p> <p>Regulation (EU) 2020/461 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 March 2020 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 in order to provide financial assistance to Member States and to countries negotiating their accession to the Union that are seriously affected by a major public health emergency</p> <p>OJ L 99, 31.3.2020, p. 9–12</p>	6/1/20 REV1
Written procedure completed on 30 March 2020	CM 1955/20
<p><i>Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EEC) No 95/93 on common rules for the allocation of slots at Community airports (2020/0042 COD) – Adoption of the legislative act – Derogation from the 8-week period provided for in Article 4 of Protocol 1 on the role of national Parliaments in the EU</i></p> <p>Regulation (EU) 2020/459 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 March 2020 amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 95/93 on common rules for the allocation of slots at Community airports (Text with EEA relevance)</p> <p>OJ L 99, 31.3.2020, p. 1–4</p>	4/1/20 REV1
Written procedure completed on 30 March 2020	CM 1906/20
<p><i>Council Decision on the conclusion of the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam</i></p> <p>Council Decision on the conclusion of the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam</p>	6050/19
Written procedure completed on 30 March 2020	CM 1917/20
<p><i>Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 12.2.2020 amending Annexes II and IV to Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 as regards the temporary withdrawal of the arrangements referred to in Article 1(2) of Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 in respect of certain products originating in the Kingdom of Cambodia</i></p> <p>– Delegated act - Intention not to raise objections</p> <p>Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 12.2.2020 amending Annexes II and IV to Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 as regards the temporary withdrawal of the arrangements referred to in Article 1(2) of Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 in respect of certain products originating in the Kingdom of Cambodia - Delegated act - Intention not to raise objections</p>	6021/1/20 REV 1

Written procedure completed on 30 March 2020	CM 1939/20
EU-LAC International Foundation: Decision regarding the participation in the meetings of the Board of Governors - Adoption EU-LAC International Foundation: Decision regarding the participation in the meetings of the Board of Governors - Approval	6221/20
Written procedure completed on 31 March 2020	CM 1971/20
Council Decision on a European Union military operation in the Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI) Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/472 of 31 March 2020 on a European Union military operation in the Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI) OJ L 101, 1.4.2020, p. 4–10	6414/20
Council Decision repealing Decision (CFSP) 2015/778 on a European Union military operation in the Southern Central Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED operation SOPHIA) Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/471 of 31 March 2020 repealing Decision (CFSP) 2015/778 on a European Union military operation in the Southern Central Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED operation SOPHIA) OJ L 101, 1.4.2020, p. 3–3	5868/20