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Non-legislative activities

3. Russian aggression against Ukraine

Exchange of views

Ministers held an exchange of views on the state of play of the Russian aggression against Ukraine, focusing in particular on the importance of international unity and on the coordination of the response to the aggression.

In the margins of the extraordinary meeting of the Council, Ministers held an informal exchange of views with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, who joined via video conference, and with the U.S. Secretary of State, the NATO Secretary General, the U.K. Foreign Secretary and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada.

4. Any other business

No issues were raised under this item.

Statements to the non-legislative "A" items set out in doc. 6849/22

Ad "A" item 1:

**Decision implementing the temporary protection provided for in
Council Directive 2001/55/EC of 20 July 2001**

Adoption

STATEMENT BY THE MEMBER STATES

“With a view to supporting Member States who are the main entry points of the mass influx of displaced persons fleeing war from Ukraine covered by Council Implementing Decision of 4 March 2022 and to promoting a balance of efforts between all Member States, Member States agree not to apply Article 11 of Directive 2001/55/EC in relation to persons enjoying temporary protection in a given Member State in accordance with that Council Implementing Decision and moving to another Member State without authorisation unless on a bilateral basis Member States agree otherwise.”
