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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
dated:	1 March 2024
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft revised mandate of the Ad hoc Working Party on the Multi-agency Donor Coordination Platform for Ukraine (Ad hoc Working Party on Reconstruction and Support for Ukraine).

Delegations will find attached the draft revised mandate of the Ad hoc Working Party on the Multi-agency Donor Coordination Platform for Ukraine (Ad hoc Working Party on Reconstruction and Support for Ukraine).

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Draft revised mandate of the ad hoc Working Party on the Multi-agency Donor Coordination Platform for Ukraine (Ad hoc Working Party on Reconstruction and Support for Ukraine)

- 1. The ad hoc Working Party on the Multi-agency Donor Coordination Platform for Ukraine was set up on 1 February 2023 with a view to conduct preparatory work to define and to coordinate the EU position in the steering committee of the Multi-Agency Donor Coordination Platform for Ukraine, as established in the G7 leaders statement of 12 December 2022. Through the platform G7 partners coordinate existing mechanisms to provide ongoing short- and long-term support, coordinate further international funding and expertise, and encourage Ukraine's reform agenda as well as private sector led growth.
- 2. In the European Council conclusions of 9 February, 23 March, 29-30 June and 26-27 October 2023, the EU confirmed its commitment to supporting Ukraine's repair, recovery and reconstruction, in coordination with international partners. In its conclusions of 1 February 2024, the European Council reached an agreement to set up a Ukraine Facility for the period of 2024-2027 to contribute to the recovery, reconstruction and modernisation of Ukraine and strongly encouraged the widest possible participation in the overall Ukraine recovery and reconstruction effort from donors outside the European Union.
- 3. The Regulation on establishing the Ukraine Facility as an exceptional medium-term single instrument for 2024-2027 is providing a balance between flexibility and programmability of the Union's response to address Ukraine's financing gap, recovery, reconstruction and modernisation needs, while at the same time supporting Ukraine's reforms effort as part its accession path to the Union.²
- 4. In line with the Regulation, support under the Ukraine Facility should be coordinated in complementarity with other international donors, including through regular consultations and strategic outreach. In this regard, the Multi-Agency Donor Coordination Platform should be used as an already established forum for such an exchange.

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² Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council (EU) 2024/... of 2024 on establishing the Ukraine Facility (XXX)

- 5. The Regulation foresees a strong role for the Council regarding the implementation of the Ukraine Facility, in particular the approval and amendment of the Ukraine Plan, the granting of exceptional financing, the establishment of the satisfactory fulfilment of the conditions for payments to Ukraine, the suspension of payments in case of no respect of the precondition and the lifting of that suspension. In those instances implementing powers are conferred on the Council.
- 6. With a view to ensuring the adequate preparation of the decisions to be taken by the Council for the implementation of the Ukraine Facility, taking into account the cross-sectoral matters covered by the Regulation as well as the established coordination goals as regards the Steering Committee of the Multi-Agency Donor Coordination Platform for Ukraine, the mandate of the ad hoc Working Party on the Multi-agency Donor Coordination Platform for Ukraine should be revised, including the change of the group's name to ad hoc Working Party on Reconstruction and Support for Ukraine (AHWP RSUA).
- 7. Under the authority of Coreper, AHWP RSUA will report to the Foreign Affairs configuration of the Council and, as appropriate, to the Economic and Financial Affairs configuration of the Council. AHWP RSUA will operate in accordance with the mandate set out in the Annex to this note and will draw on the expertise of delegates working in the relevant areas, where appropriate.
- 8. In view of the above remarks, Coreper is invited to approve the revised mandate of the group as set out in the Annex.

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Mandate

Ad Hoc Working Party on Reconstruction and Support for Ukraine ("AHWP RSUA")

AHWP RSUA operates under:
☐ General affairs☑ Foreign affairs
☐ Economic and financial affairs³
☐ Justice and home affairs ⁴
☐ Employment, social policy, health and consumer affairs
☐ Competitiveness (internal market, industry, research and space) ⁵
☐ Transport, telecommunications and energy
☐ Agriculture and fisheries☐ Environment
☐ Education, youth, culture and sport ⁶

Including budget
Including civil protection

Including tourism

Including Audio-visual affairs

Sub-areas or subgroups

n/a

(if applicable)

Policy areas

Under the authority of Coreper⁷, AHWP RSUA is responsible for:

- the preparatory work concerning the Multi-agency Donor Coordination
 Platform, in particular the preparatory work to define and to coordinate the
 EU position in the steering committee of the multi-agency donor
 coordination platform for Ukraine,
- the preparatory work concerning the implementation of the Ukraine Facility, in particular where implementing powers are conferred upon the Council;
- the preparatory work concerning the evaluation of the Ukraine Facility and possible Commission proposals submitted in that context,
- discussing and assessing horizontal and specific matters related to the reconstruction of Ukraine, including in the context of the Ukraine Facility.

Where financing aspects of the implementation of the support are on the agenda (for example, Council implementing decisions, quarterly payments, the provision of exceptional financing, guarantees, interest rates, subsidies, and any other financial aspects in relation to the Ukraine Plan), delegates working in relevant areas will also attend, as appropriate.

Under the authority of Coreper, AHWP RSUA will report to the Foreign Affairs configuration of the Council and, as appropriate, to the Economic and Financial Affairs configuration of the Council.

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In accordance with Article 240(1) TFEU and the Council's Rules of Procedure

Type of work	The Working Party is in charge of the following:
	Work on Union legal acts (i.e. legislative acts and other legal acts)
	□ Policy preparation
	In particular, AHWP RSUA is in charge of
	■ legislative act(s):
	☑ other Union legal acts: Council implementing decisions
	□ policy document(s):
	☑ other: Council conclusions
Chairing arrangement	The Working Party is chaired by:
	★ the six-monthly Presidency
	□ a representative of the High Representative
	□ other, namely :

Observations

- Date of establishment: 1 February 2023
- Date of revision of the mandate: [XXX 2024]
- Duration of the mandate: The group will cease to exist when the platform is discontinued; The mandate, in particular elements thereof relating to the Ukraine Facility, will be reviewed at the end of 2027.
- Main links with other Working Parties: AHWP RSUA will draw on the
 expertise of delegates working in relevant areas, as appropriate (such as,
 financial and budgetary experts in relation to, for example, financing
 aspects of the implementation of the financial support under the Ukraine
 Facility). AHWP RSUA will conduct its work in close collaboration with,
 and without prejudice, to the work of other relevant Council preparatory
 bodies,

in particular: Working Party on Eastern Europe and Central Asia (C.9), Working Party on Enlargement and Countries Negotiating Accession to the EU (B.19), Working Party of Financial Counsellors (D.2) and Budget Committee (D.7) as well as the IPCR.