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(Justice and Home Affairs)
4 and 5 March 2024

MONDAY 4 MARCH 2024

HOME AFFAIRS

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in document 7054/24.

2. Approval of ‘A’ items

7056/24

Non-legislative list

The Council adopted all "A" items listed in the document above, including all linguistic COR and REV documents presented for adoption. Statements to these items are set out in the Addendum.

POLITICAL GOVERNANCE OF THE SCHENGEN AREA (‘SCHENGEN COUNCIL’)

Non-legislative activities

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| 3. | Overall state of the Schengen area: Schengen barometer <i>Exchange of views</i> | 6692/24 |
| 4. | Council Implementing Decision setting out a Recommendation on the best practices identified in the thematic evaluation of the fight against drug trafficking (Legal basis: Article 24(1) of Regulation (EU) 2022/922) <i>Adoption</i> | ☐ 6901/24 + COR 1-2 |
| 5. | Evaluation of Regulation (EU) 2019/1896 on the European Border and Coast Guard <i>Exchange of views</i> | 6735/24 |
| 6. | Implementation of interoperability <i>State of play</i> | 6833/24 |
| 7. | Any other business | |

OTHER HOME AFFAIRS ISSUES

Legislative deliberations

(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

8. Preventing and combating child sexual abuse



a) Regulation amending Interim Regulation (EU) 2021/1232 on child sexual abuse

b) Regulation to prevent and combat child sexual abuse

Progress report

The Council took note of the political agreement on the extension of the Regulation 2021/1232 and of the state of play of the proposed Regulation laying down rules to prevent and combat child sexual abuse.

9. Any other business

6948/24

Current legislative proposals

Information from the Presidency

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the state of play of different legislative proposals in the field of home affairs.

Non-legislative activities

10. External dimension of migration^{1 2} 6839/24
Exchange of views

11. The fight against drug trafficking and organised crime: security aspects^{2 3} 6504/24
State of play

12. Implications of the conflict in the Middle East and consequences of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine for EU internal security^{2 4} 6658/24
Exchange of views

¹ The European agencies EUAA, Europol and Frontex were invited for this item.

² Exceptionally, in the presence of the Schengen associated states.

³ The European agencies CEPOL, Eurojust, Europol, Frontex and EMCDDA were invited for this item.

⁴ The European agencies Europol, Frontex and the Minister of Internal Affairs of Ukraine were invited for this item.

13. Any other business
 - a) Fourteenth High-Level Meeting of the CELAC-EU Coordination and Cooperation Mechanism on Drugs
Information from the Presidency 6914/24
 - b) Salzburg Forum Ministerial Conference, Brdo pri Kranju, 11 and 12 December 2023
Information from Slovenia 7154/24 + COR 1
 - c) Preparedness Union
Information from Finland 7142/24

TUESDAY 5 MARCH 2024

JUSTICE

Legislative deliberations

(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

14. **Directive on minimum rules to prevent migrant smuggling**  6710/24 + COR 1
Policy debate

The Council held a policy debate on the proposed Directive.

15. **Any other business**
Current legislative proposals 6948/24
Information from the Presidency

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the state of play of different legislative proposals in the field of justice.

Non-legislative activities

16. The fight against drug trafficking and organised crime: judicial cooperation⁵ 6812/24
State of play
17. Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine: fight against impunity⁶ 6714/24 + COR 1
Exchange of views

⁵ The European agencies Eurojust and Europol were invited for this item.

⁶ The European agency Eurojust and the Prosecutor General of Ukraine were invited for this item.

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| 18. | Ensuring the resilience of the justice system when dealing with criminal organisations in a state governed by the rule of law <i>Exchange of views</i> | 6572/24 |
| 19. | Conclusions on the Commission's annual report on the application of the charter: effective legal protection and access to justice <i>Approval</i> <i>Exchange of views</i> ⁷ | 6569/24 |
| 20. | Any other business EU-US negotiations on an e-evidence agreement <i>Information from the Commission</i> | |

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- ①** First reading
- C** Item based on a Commission proposal
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⁷ The Director of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) was invited for this item.