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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Values of the Union – Hungary – Article 7(1) TEU reasoned proposal –  
scope of the hearing of Hungary on 23 May 2022

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1. On 12 September 2018, the European Parliament adopted a reasoned proposal for a Council decision determining, pursuant to Article 7(1) of the TEU, the existence of a clear risk of a serious breach by Hungary of the values on which the Union is founded<sup>1</sup>.
2. The provisional agenda for the Council meeting (General Affairs) on 23 May 2022 includes an item ‘Values of the Union – Hungary – Article 7(1) TEU reasoned proposal – hearing of Hungary in accordance with Article 7(1) TEU’.
3. On 18 July 2019, the Council approved standard modalities for hearings referred to in Article 7(1) TEU<sup>2</sup>. These modalities set out that the substantive scope of the issues to be covered by a hearing must be agreed by Coreper in keeping with the scope of the issues raised in the reasoned proposal triggering the procedure of Article 7(1) TEU.
4. Hungary was heard by the Council three times: on 16 September 2019, 10 December 2019 and 22 June 2021.
5. In view of the time that has elapsed since the latest hearing of Hungary and the fact that significant developments may have taken place, it is suggested that the fourth hearing of

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<sup>1</sup> 12266/1/18 REV 1 + ADD 1.

<sup>2</sup> 10641/2/19 REV 2.

Hungary could cover all the issues raised in the reasoned proposal of the European Parliament, in order for the Council to receive an up-to-date picture of the situation in the Member State in question.

6. In light of the above, Coreper is invited to agree to this arrangement.

