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- the date of adoption,
- the relevant Council session,
- the number of the document adopted,
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- 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 APRIL 2021

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EU Terms of Reference for the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting on 7 April 2021	6683/21
Written procedure completed on 2 April 2021	CM 2434/21
EU statement for the International Monetary and Financial Committee (IMFC) spring meeting on 8 April 2021	6684/21
Written procedure completed on 6 April 2021	CM 2462/21
<i>Council Implementing Decision implementing Decision 2010/231/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Somalia</i> Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2021/560 of 6 April 2021 implementing Decision 2010/231/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Somalia OJ L 115I, 6.4.2021, p. 3–4	7425/21 + ADD 1
Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/559 of 6 April 2021 implementing Article 12 of Regulation (EU) No 356/2010 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against certain natural or legal persons, entities or bodies, in view of the situation in Somalia OJ L 115I, 6.4.2021, p. 1–2	7427/21 + ADD 1
Notice for the attention of persons subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2010/231/CFSP, as implemented by Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2021/560, and in Council Regulation (EU) No 356/2010, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/559 concerning restrictive measures against Somalia OJ C 118I, 7.4.2021, p. 1–2	CM 2461/21
Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2010/231/CFSP and in Council Regulation (EU) No 356/2010 concerning restrictive measures against Somalia apply OJ C 118I, 7.4.2021, p. 3–4	CM 2461/21

Written procedure completed on 6 April 2021	CM 2537/21
Council conclusions on ECA's Special Report 1/2021 - "Resolution planning in the Single Resolution Mechanism"	7339/1/21 REV 1
Written procedure completed on 7 April 2021	CM 2482/21
Case Duarte Agostinho and Others v. Portugal and Others before the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) - Authorisation to the Commission to intervene on behalf of the Union	7259/21
Statement by Austria Austria assumes that the principle of sincere cooperation requiring the European Commission to consult the Council beforehand should be taken into account if the Commission intends to submit statements on behalf of the European Union to an international court. This should be done in good time to allow coordination with the Member States.	CM 2482/21
Written procedure completed on 7 April 2021	CM 2500/21
The 1996 Hague Convention on the Protection of Children: Line to take concerning the accession of Costa Rica	6293/21
Written procedure completed on 7 April 2021	CM 2502/21
The 1996 Hague Convention on the Protection of Children: Line to take concerning the late reservations made by Nicaragua	6291/21 6466/21
Written procedure completed on 7 April 2021	CM 2543/21
<i>Council Decision on the submission, on behalf of the European Union, of a proposal for the listing of chlorpyrifos in Annex A to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants</i> Council Decision (EU) 2021/592 of 7 April 2021 on the submission, on behalf of the European Union, of a proposal for the listing of chlorpyrifos in Annex A to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants OJL 125, 13.4.2021, p. 52–53	6921/21

<p><u>Statement from the Commission</u> The Commission considers that the Council Decision should be addressed to the Commission, and therefore considers the changes to Article 2 to be inappropriate. The expression of the Union position in a body set up by an agreement is an act of external representation of the Union which, in accordance with Article 17(1) TEU, is the institutional prerogative of the Commission. The Commission reserves all its rights in this regard.</p>	CM 2543/21
<p>Written procedure completed on 8 April 2021</p>	CM 2426/21
<p>PUBLIC ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS – Confirmatory application No 08/c/01/21</p>	6727/21 + COR 1
<p>Statement by Poland Poland is opposed to the disclosure since the information contained in para 6c of the document 8464/20 which is covered by Article 4(1)(a) can also be found in document 7830/20 (para 14), to which full access is granted.</p>	
<p>Statement by Sweden Sweden cannot concur with the reasoning in the draft reply. Sweden considers the exception to public access out of consideration for the protection of the public interest regarding defence and military matters and international relations, as laid down in article 4(1)(a) second indent of the regulation (1049/2001), not applicable in this case.</p>	
<p>Written procedure completed on 8 April 2021</p>	CM 2496/21
<p>PUBLIC ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS – Confirmatory application No 07/c/01/21</p>	6418/21

Statement from The Netherlands, Latvia, Finland, Estonia, Denmark and Belgium

The Netherlands, Latvia, Finland, Estonia, Denmark and Belgium cannot concur with the draft reply to confirmatory application No 07/c/01/21. We believe that there is no reasonably foreseeable and not purely hypothetical risk that full disclosure of the CLS opinion would specifically and actually undermine the institution's ongoing decision-making process, the protection of legal advice and the protection of the public interest as regards the international relations (in light of the case law of the Court of Justice and in particular joined cases C-39/05 P and C-52/05, Kingdom of Sweden and Turco/Council and case C-350/12 P, Council/in 't Veld). Moreover, in the case that, contrary to the view of the Netherlands, Latvia, Finland, Estonia, Denmark and Belgium, full disclosure would undermine the decision-making process and the protection of legal advice, the Netherlands, Latvia, Finland, Estonia, Denmark and Belgium believe there would be an overriding public interest in full disclosure of the CLS opinion on the nature of the TCA and the exercise of the EU of its competence. Such openness contributes to proving the legitimacy of the decision making process in the Council with regard to the TCA, while reflecting the unusual circumstances under which it has taken place (joined Cases C-39/05 P and C-52/05 and Case C-506/08 P, Sweden/My Travel Group and Commission).

<p>Statement from Sweden</p> <p>Sweden cannot concur with the draft reply to confirmatory application No 07/c/01/21 that disclosure of Section III (Legal Analysis) chapter A – C p. 13 – 16, 18, 21, 23 – 24 in document 5591/21 would seriously undermine the ongoing decision-making process, or the protection of legal advice or the protection of international relations. Considering the restrictive interpretation of these exceptions by the Court (T-540/15 De Capitani case, C-39/05 and C-52/05 Kingdom of Sweden and Turco/Council and case C-350/12P Council / In't Veld), Sweden believes that it is not sufficiently motivated that there is an actual and concrete risk that disclosure of the aforementioned paragraphs would seriously undermine the institution's ongoing decision-making process, or the protection of legal advice or the protection of international relations and that this risk is reasonably foreseeable and not only hypothetical. Furthermore, Sweden believes there is an overriding public interest in disclosure considering the subject-matter of the document involved and the criticism which the Council has received on this matter in the past.</p> <p>Sweden can, however, support the Council's draft reply and its grounds for non-disclosure with respect to Section III (Legal Analysis) chapter D – G.</p>	
<p>Written procedure completed on 8 April 2021</p>	<p>CM 2583/21</p>
<p>PUBLIC ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS – Confirmatory application No 06/c/01/21</p>	<p>7651/21</p>
<p>Written procedure completed on 8 April 2021</p>	<p>CM 2560/21</p>
<p><i>Council Decision amending Decision (CFSP) 2019/615 on Union support for activities leading up to the 2020 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT)</i></p> <p>Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/579 of 8 April 2021 amending Decision (CFSP) 2019/615 on Union support for activities leading up to the 2020 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT)</p> <p>OJ L 123, 9.4.2021, p. 21–21</p>	<p>6793/21</p>

Written procedure completed on 8 April 2021	CM 2579/21
<i>Council Decision on the appointment of a Deputy Executive Director of Europol</i> Council Decision (EU) 2021/602 of 8 April 2021 on the appointment of a Deputy Executive Director of Europol OJ L 127, 14.4.2021, p. 42–43	6341/21
Written procedure completed on 8 April 2021	CM 2586/21
<i>EU-US informal expert group - Draft terms of reference</i> Approval of the entering into negotiations and of the text of the internal EU rules	7299/21 + ADD 1
Written procedure completed on 9 April 2021	CM 2596/21
Transfer of appropriations No DEC 01/2021 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2021	6867/21
Transfer of appropriations No DEC 05/2021 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2021	7349/21
Written procedure completed on 9 April 2021	CM 2572/21
<i>Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the European Committee for drawing up standards in the field of inland navigation and within the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine on the adoption of standards concerning harmonised river information services</i> Council Decision (EU) 2021/593 of 9 April 2021 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the European Committee for drawing up standards in the field of inland navigation and within the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine on the adoption of standards concerning harmonised river information services OJ L 125, 13.4.2021, p. 54–55	7055/21

Written procedure completed on 9 April 2021	CM 2573/21
<p><i>Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the European Committee for drawing up standards in the field of inland navigation and within the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine on the adoption of standards concerning professional qualifications in inland navigation</i></p> <p>Council Decision (EU) 2021/594 of 9 April 2021 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the European Committee for drawing up standards in the field of inland navigation and within the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine on the adoption of standards concerning professional qualifications in inland navigation</p> <p>OJ L 125, 13.4.2021, p. 56–57</p>	7140/21
Written procedure completed on 12 April 2021	CM 2604/21
<p><i>Council Implementing Decision and Regulation concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Iran - new listings</i></p> <p>Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2021/585 of 12 April 2021 implementing Decision 2011/235/CFSP concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities in view of the situation in Iran</p> <p>OJ L 124I, 12.4.2021, p. 7–11</p>	6039/21
<p>Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/584 of 12 April 2021 implementing Regulation (EU) No 359/2011 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Iran</p> <p>OJ L 124I, 12.4.2021, p. 1–6</p>	6041/21

<p>Notice for the attention of the persons to whom measures provided for in Council Decision 2011/235/CFSP, as implemented by Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/585 and in Council Regulation (EU) No 359/2011, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/584 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Iran apply OJ C 129, 13.4.2021, p. 14–14</p>	6043/21
<p>Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2011/235/CFSP and Council Regulation (EU) No 359/2011 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Iran apply OJ C 129, 13.4.2021, p. 15–16</p>	6043/21
<p><i>Council Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Iran - review</i> <i>Council Decision amending Decision 2011/235/CFSP concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities in view of the situation in Iran</i> Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/595 of 12 April 2021 amending Decision 2011/235/CFSP concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities in view of the situation in Iran OJ L 125, 13.4.2021, p. 58–68</p>	6739/21
<p>Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/587 of 12 April 2021 implementing Regulation (EU) No 359/2011 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Iran OJ L 125, 13.4.2021, p. 1–10</p>	6741/21

<p>Notice for the attention of the persons to whom measures provided for in Council Decision 2011/235/CFSP, as amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/595 and in Council Regulation (EU) No 359/2011, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/587 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Iran apply</p> <p>OJ C 129, 13.4.2021, p. 11–12</p>	6742/21
<p>Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2011/235/CFSP and Council Regulation (EU) No 359/2011 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Iran apply</p> <p>OJ C 129, 13.4.2021, p. 13–13</p>	6742/21
<p>Written procedure completed on 12 April 2021</p>	CM 2632/21
<p><i>Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee established by the Convention between the European Economic Community, the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland, the Republic of Iceland, the Kingdom of Norway, the Kingdom of Sweden and the Swiss Confederation, on a common transit procedure as regards amendments of Appendices I and III to that Convention</i></p> <p>Council Decision (EU) 2021/624 of 12 April 2021 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee established by the Convention between the European Economic Community, the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland, the Republic of Iceland, the Kingdom of Norway, the Kingdom of Sweden and the Swiss Confederation, on a common transit procedure as regards amendments of Appendices I and III to that Convention</p> <p>OJ L 131, 16.4.2021, p. 168–169</p>	6124/21

<p>Statement by the Commission The Commission considers that the Council Decision should be addressed to the Commission, and therefore considers the changes to Article 2 to be inappropriate. The expression of the Union position in a body set up by an agreement is an act of external representation of the Union which, in accordance with Article 17(1) TEU, is the institutional prerogative of the Commission. The Commission reserves all its rights in this regard.</p>	
<p>Written procedure completed on 12 April 2021</p>	<p>CM 2632/21</p>
<p><i>Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the EU-CTC Joint Committee established by the Convention of 20 May 1987 on a common transit procedure as regards amendments to that Convention</i> Council Decision (EU) 2021/624 of 12 April 2021 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee established by the Convention between the European Economic Community, the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland, the Republic of Iceland, the Kingdom of Norway, the Kingdom of Sweden and the Swiss Confederation, on a common transit procedure as regards amendments of Appendices I and III to that Convention OJ L 131, 16.4.2021, p. 168–169</p>	<p>6124/21</p>
<p>Statement by the Commission The Commission considers that the Council Decision should be addressed to the Commission, and therefore considers the changes to Article 2 to be inappropriate. The expression of the Union position in a body set up by an agreement is an act of external representation of the Union which, in accordance with Article 17(1) TEU, is the institutional prerogative of the Commission. The Commission reserves all its rights in this regard.</p>	<p>CM 2632/21</p>

Written procedure completed on 13 April 2021	CM 2641/21
<p><i>Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a programme for the internal market, competitiveness of enterprises, including small and medium-sized enterprises, the area of plants, animals, food and feed, and European statistics (Single Market Programme)</i></p> <p>Position (EU) No 9/2021 of the Council at first reading with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a programme for the internal market, competitiveness of enterprises, including small and medium-sized enterprises, the area of plants, animals, food and feed, and European statistics (Single Market Programme) and repealing Regulations (EU) No 99/2013, (EU) No 1287/2013, (EU) No 254/2014 and (EU) No 652/2014 (Text with EEA relevance)</p> <p>OJ C 151, 28.4.2021, p. 1–45</p>	14281/1/20 REV 1
<p>Position (EU) No 9/2021 of the Council at first reading with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a programme for the internal market, competitiveness of enterprises, including small and medium-sized enterprises, the area of plants, animals, food and feed, and European statistics (Single Market Programme) and repealing Regulations (EU) No 99/2013, (EU) No 1287/2013, (EU) No 254/2014 and (EU) No 652/2014 - Statement of the Council's reasons</p> <p>OJ C 151, 28.4.2021, p. 46–48</p>	14281/20 ADD 1
Written procedure completed on 13 April 2021	CM 2642/21
<p><i>Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an exchange, assistance and training programme for the protection of the euro against counterfeiting for the period 2021-2027 (the 'Pericles IV' programme)</i></p> <p>Position (EU) No 16/2021 of the Council at first reading with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an exchange, assistance and training programme for the protection of the euro against counterfeiting for the period 2021-2027 (the 'Pericles IV' programme), and repealing Regulation (EU) No 331/2014</p> <p>OJ C 176, 7.5.2021, p. 1–12</p>	6164/1/21 REV 1

Position (EU) No 16/2021 of the Council at first reading with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an exchange, assistance and training programme for the protection of the euro against counterfeiting for the period 2021-2027 (the 'Pericles IV' programme), and repealing Regulation (EU) No 331/2014 - Statement of the Council's reasons OJ C 176, 7.5.2021, p. 13–14	6164/21 ADD 1
Written procedure completed on 13 April 2021	CM 2646/21
Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council <i>establishing the Creative Europe Programme (2021 to 2027)</i> Position (EU) No 14/2021 of the Council at first reading with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Creative Europe Programme (2021 to 2027) and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1295/2013 (Text with EEA relevance) OJ C 169, 5.5.2021, p. 1–25	14146/1/20 REV 1
Position (EU) No 14/2021 of the Council at first reading with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Creative Europe Programme (2021 to 2027) and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1295/2013 - Statement of the Council's reasons OJ C 169, 5.5.2021, p. 26–28	14146/20 ADD 1
Statement by Poland Equality between women and men is enshrined in the treaties of the European Union as a fundamental right. Poland ensures equality between women and men within the framework of the Polish national legal system in accordance with international human rights treaties and within the framework of the fundamental values and principles of the European Union. For these reasons, in expressions containing the term 'gender' Poland will interpret it as equality between women and men in accordance with Article 8 TFEU.	CM 2646/21

<p>Statements by the Commission</p> <p>In the context of recital 23 and Annex I, Article 1, special actions e) as well as Article 7(5) of the above mentioned Regulation, as agreed by co-legislators on 14 December 2020, the European Commission confirms its intention to launch calls for proposals inviting applications for multi-annual operating grants to which the European Union Youth Orchestra and other entities could apply and which would provide the necessary stability for the functioning of these entities' need. These calls will be subject to the adoption of work programmes, which will set out exact conditions, such as the timing of calls or the duration of grant agreements foreseen. The Commission further confirms its intention to launch the first of such calls in the 2021 annual work programme. This intention is subject to the adoption of the above-mentioned regulation and final agreement on the Union budget for 2021.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">----</p> <p>The Commission regrets that the co-legislators decided to maintain the MEDIA logo. This runs counter to the horizontal approach of not having programme-specific logos under the future long-term budget. The Commission's intention is to make sure that Europeans can relate to the Union as a whole thanks to the use of the single European emblem by its different programmes. This emblem is common to all EU Institutions and will be an important part of the simple, coherent and binding communication and visibility requirements across programmes. For the sake of reaching overall agreement on the programme, the Commission can accept to maintain the MEDIA logo under the condition that it remains limited to the duration of the concerned programming period.</p> <p>The Commission remains convinced that communication and visibility of EU action towards a broad public is more effective without any programme-specific logos. The Commission remains at the co-legislators' disposal to demonstrate this well ahead of the negotiations of the subsequent programming period.</p>	<p>CM 2646/21</p>
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Written procedure completed on 13 April 2021	CM 2647/21
<p><i>Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing Erasmus+: the Union Programme for education and training, youth and sport</i></p> <p>Position (EU) No 15/2021 of the Council at first reading with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing Erasmus+: the Union Programme for education and training, youth and sport and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 (Text with EEA relevance)</p> <p>OJ C 172, 6.5.2021, p. 1–37</p>	14148/1/20 REV 1
<p>Position (EU) No 15/2021 of the Council at first reading with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing Erasmus+: the Union Programme for education and training, youth and sport and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 - Statement of the Council's reasons</p> <p>OJ C 172, 6.5.2021, p. 38–39</p>	14148/20 ADD 1
<p>Statement by Hungary</p> <p>Equality between women and men is enshrined in the Treaties of the European Union as a fundamental right. Hungary ensures equality between women and men within the framework of the Hungarian national legal system in accordance with internationally binding human rights instruments and within the framework of fundamental values and principles of the European Union. For these reasons, Hungary interprets the concept of "gender" in the text of the Regulation as a reference to sex.</p>	CM 2647/21

<p>Statement by Poland Equality between women and men is enshrined in the treaties of the European Union as a fundamental right. Poland ensures equality between women and men within the framework of the Polish national legal system in accordance with international human rights treaties and within the framework of the fundamental values and principles of the European Union. For these reasons, in expressions containing the term ‘gender’ Poland will interpret it in terms of equality between women and men in accordance with Article 8 TFEU.</p>	CM 2647/21
<p>Statement by the European Commission on the specific allocations for the platforms of Centres of vocational excellence Without prejudice to the powers of the legislative and budgetary authority, the Commission commits to allocating an indicative amount of EUR 400 million in current prices to support platforms of Centres for vocational excellence over the whole duration of the programme, provided that the interim evaluation of the programme confirms a positive assessment of the results of the action.</p>	7327/21 ADD1
<p>Written procedure completed on 15 April 2021 <i>Council Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures against ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaeda and persons, groups, undertakings and entities associated with them</i> Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/613 of 15 April 2021 amending Decision (CFSP) 2016/1693 concerning restrictive measures against ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaeda and persons, groups, undertakings and entities associated with them OJ L 129I, 15.4.2021, p. 4–5</p>	<p>CM 2483/21 7284/21</p>
<p>Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/612 of 15 April 2021 implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1686 imposing additional restrictive measures directed against ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaeda and natural and legal persons, entities or bodies associated with them OJ L 129I, 15.4.2021, p. 1–3</p>	7286/21

Draft statement of reasons	7287/21
Notice for the attention of the person subject to restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/1693, as amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/613, and Council Regulation (EU) 2016/1686, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/612 imposing additional restrictive measures directed against ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaeda and natural and legal persons, entities or bodies associated with them OJ C 133, 16.4.2021, p. 3–4	7288/21 + COR 1
Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/1693 and Council Regulation (EU) 2016/1686 imposing additional restrictive measures directed against ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaeda and natural and legal persons, entities or bodies associated with them apply OJ C 133, 16.4.2021, p. 5–6	7288/21 + COR 1
Written procedure completed on 15 April 2021	CM 2483/21
<i>Syria restrictive measures - pre-notifications</i> Draft intended amended statements of reasons	7468/21
Notice for the attention of certain persons subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2013/255/CFSP and Council Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria OJ C 133, 16.4.2021, p. 7–7	7468/21
Written procedure completed on 16 April 2021	CM 2611//21
<i>Council Decision promoting the European network of independent nonproliferation and disarmament think tanks in support of the implementation of the EU Strategy against proliferation</i> Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/648 of 16 April 2021 amending Decision (CFSP) 2018/299 promoting the European network of independent non-proliferation and disarmament think tanks in support of the implementation of the EU Strategy against proliferation of weapons of mass destruction OJ L 133, 20.4.2021, p. 57–58	6781/21

<p><i>Council Decision on EU support to activities of the ATT Secretariat to support Arms Trade Treaty implementation</i> Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/649 of 16 April 2021 on Union support for activities of the ATT Secretariat in support of the implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty OJ L 133, 20.4.2021, p. 59–65</p>	<p>7142/21 + ADD 1</p>
<p><i>Council Decision concerning restrictive measures against the Central African Republic - UN update of a listing</i> Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2021/636 of 16 April 2021 implementing Decision 2013/798/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Central African Republic OJ L 132, 19.4.2021, p. 194–196</p>	<p>7320/21 + ADD 1 + ADD 1 COR 1 (pl)</p>
<p>Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/628 of 16 April 2021 implementing Article 17(3) of Regulation (EU) No 224/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Central African Republic OJ L 132, 19.4.2021, p. 1–3</p>	<p>7323/21 + ADD 1 + ADD 1 COR 1</p>
<p><i>Iran non-proliferation restrictive measures - pre-notifications</i> Draft intended amended statements of reasons</p>	<p>7469/21</p>
<p>Notice for the attention of certain persons and entities subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2010/413/CFSP and Council Regulation (EU) No 267/2012 concerning restrictive measures against Iran 2021/C 136/03 OJ C 136, 19.4.2021, p. 4–4</p>	<p>7469/21</p>
<p>Written procedure completed on 16 April 2021</p>	<p>CM 2613/21</p>
<p>Council conclusions on the European Union's Integrated Strategy in the Sahel</p>	<p>7686/21</p>
<p>Written procedure completed on 16 April 2021</p>	<p>CM 2693/21</p>
<p>Consultation of the Council by the European Commission on the EU position regarding the revision by the Regional Steering Committee of Annex I to the Treaty establishing the Transport Community</p>	<p>7681/21 + COR 1</p>

Written procedure completed on 16 April 2021	CM 2749/21
Council conclusions on an EU Strategy for cooperation in the Indo-Pacific	7695/21 + COR 1
Written procedure completed on 16 April 2021	CM 2766/21
Council conclusions on a renewed Partnership with the Southern Neighbourhood - A new agenda for the Mediterranean	7850/21
Written procedure completed on 16 April 2021	CM 2768/21
Council conclusions on the functioning of the Schengen evaluation and monitoring mechanism (Council Regulation (EU) No 1053/2013)	7579/21
Written procedure completed on 19 April 2021	CM 2650/21
Memorandum of understanding between the European Union and the Republic of Panama on bilateral consultations	7392/21
Written procedure completed on 19 April 2021	CM 2663/21
Complaint No. 360-2021-TE - Approval of Council's draft additional observations	7091/21
Statement by The Netherlands and Sweden The Netherlands and Sweden cannot concur with the draft reply to the request for additional observations of the Council as regards the inquiry of the European Ombudsman into complaint 360/2021/TE that disclosure of the documents concerned would seriously undermine the ongoing decision-making process. Considering the restrictive interpretation of this exception by the Court regarding documents that relate to legislative procedures (De Capitani case, T-540/15). The Netherlands and Sweden believe that it is not sufficiently motivated that there is an actual and concrete risk that full disclosure would seriously undermine the institution's ongoing decision-making process and this risk is reasonably foreseeable and not only hypothetical. Furthermore, The Netherlands and Sweden believe there is an overriding public interest in disclosure considering the subject-matter of the documents involved and the criticism which the Council has received on this matter in the past.	CM 2661/21

Written procedure completed on 19 April 2021	CM 2746/21
<i>Council Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Myanmar/Burma</i> Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/639 of 19 April 2021 amending Decision 2013/184/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Myanmar/Burma OJ L 132I, 19.4.2021, p. 12–21	7707/21
Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/638 of 19 April 2021 implementing Regulation (EU) No 401/2013 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Myanmar/Burma OJ L 132I, 19.4.2021, p. 1–11	7710/21
Notice for the attention of the persons subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2013/184/CFSP, as amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/639, and in Council Regulation (EU) No 401/2013, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/638 concerning restrictive measures against Myanmar/Burma OJ C 139I, 20.4.2021, p. 1–2	7712/21
Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2013/184/CFSP and Council Regulation (EU) No 401/2013 concerning restrictive measures against Myanmar/Burma apply OJ C 139I, 20.4.2021, p. 3–3	7712/21
Written procedure completed on 19 April 2021	CM 2756/21
<i>Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF)</i> Position (EU) No 10/2021 of the Council at first reading with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF) and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013 OJ C 156, 30.4.2021, p. 1–23	5532/1/21 REV 1

<p>Position (EU) No 10/2021 of the Council at first reading with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF) and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013 - Statement of the Council's reasons OJ C 156, 30.4.2021, p. 24–25</p>	<p>5532/1/21 REV 1 ADD 1</p>
<p>Statement by Bulgaria The Republic of Bulgaria supports the continuation of the functioning of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund as a flexible forward looking instrument providing assistance to displaced workers. That is why Bulgaria supported the general approach on the file and was constructive towards finalisation of the negotiations. However, it should be noted that in 2018, the Bulgarian Constitutional Court adopted a decision stating that the Council of Europe's Convention on Preventing and Combatting Violence against Women and Domestic Violence ("Istanbul Convention") promotes legal concepts related to the notion of gender that are incompatible with main principles of the Bulgarian Constitution. In line with the above mentioned Decision of the Constitutional Court, the Republic of Bulgaria declares that the country cannot accept either the concept of gender or the gender-based approach of the Council of Europe's Convention or any other document that intends to differentiate between "sex" as a biological (women and men) category and "gender" as a social construct. Therefore, the country cannot support the Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund that includes the notion of gender identity. The Republic of Bulgaria also understands the reporting on common indicators in Annex II of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund Regulation by using a category of "non-binary", as not obligatory. The Republic of Bulgaria does not intend to gather and report relevant data as such a category does not exist in its national legislation. According to its domestic legislative framework, the Republic of Bulgaria gathers disaggregated data by sex (male and female). However, the position of the Republic of Bulgaria regarding the Regulation does not undermine in any way our support for the substance of the Fund and its objectives.</p>	<p>CM 2756/21</p>

<p>Statement by Hungary</p> <p>Equality between women and men is enshrined in the Treaties of the European Union as a fundamental right. Hungary ensures equality between women and men within the framework of its national legal system, in accordance with internationally binding human rights instruments and within the framework of fundamental values and principles of the European Union. For these reasons, Hungary will interpret expressions comprising the term “gender” within the Regulation as referring to or in the (narrow) context of the equality between women and men, in accordance with Article 8 of the TFEU. Furthermore, Hungary is convinced that concerning the application of the common output and result indicators, this legislative document is not the appropriate place to define the content of “gender”. Therefore, Hungary believes that footnote 34 in Annex II should be applicable and refer to the term “gender” and the parenthesis as a whole, and not only one of the subcategories listed there. Bearing in mind the fact, that determining the content of the term “gender” falls under the exclusive competence of the Member States, footnote 34 of the proposal should be understood as referring to the term “gender” and not to the term “non-binary”.</p>	<p>CM 2756/21</p>
<p>Statement by Poland</p> <p>Equality between women and men is enshrined in the treaties of the European Union as a fundamental right. Poland ensures equality between women and men within the framework of the Polish national legal system in accordance with international human rights treaties and within the framework of the fundamental values and principles of the European Union. For these reasons, in expressions containing the term ‘gender’ Poland will interpret it in terms of equality between women and men in accordance with Article 8 TFEU.</p>	<p>CM 2756/21</p>

<p>Statement by the Commission</p> <p>In the Inter-institutional Agreement between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management, as well as on new own resources, including a roadmap for the introduction of new own resources, Points 30 to 33 require the Commission to make available an integrated and interoperable information and monitoring system including a single data-mining and risk-scoring tool to access and analyse the required data with a view to a generalised application by Member States. In addition, the three institutions agreed to sincerely cooperate, in the course of the legislative procedure relating to the relevant basic acts, to ensure the follow up to the European Council conclusions of July 2020 regarding this element.</p> <p>The Commission considers that the agreement reached by the co-legislators under Article 23(1a) on the obligatory use of a single data-mining tool and the collection and analysis of data on the beneficial owners of the recipients of funding is not sufficient to enhance the protection of the Union budget and NextGenerationEU against fraud and irregularities and to ensure efficient checks on conflicts of interests, irregularities, issues of double funding, and criminal misuse of the funds. Therefore, the approach agreed by the co-legislators in the Regulation European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for displaced workers does not appropriately reflect the desired ambition and spirit of the Inter-institutional Agreement.</p>	<p>CM 2756/21</p>
<p>Written procedure completed on 19 April 2021</p>	<p>CM 2757/21</p>
<p><i>Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Union Space Programme and the European Union Agency for the Space Programme</i></p> <p>Position (EU) No 11/2021 of the Council at first reading with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Union Space Programme and the European Union Agency for the Space Programme and repealing Regulations (EU) No 912/2010, (EU) No 1285/2013 and (EU) No 377/2014 and Decision No 541/2014/EU</p> <p>OJ C 162, 3.5.2021, p. 1–83</p>	<p>14312/20</p>

Position (EU) No 11/2021 of the Council at first reading with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Union Space Programme and the European Union Agency for the Space Programme and repealing Regulations (EU) No 912/2010, (EU) No 1285/2013 and (EU) No 377/2014 and Decision No 541/2014/EU - Statement of the Council's reasons OJ C 162, 3.5.2021, p. 84–85	14312/20 ADD 1
Statement by Sweden The space programme must be as open as possible. Undertakings in the EU must be able to contribute to innovations in order to provide security and create jobs for Europe's citizens, and to ensure their well-being. Any restrictions on participation in the space programme in respect of European undertakings whose ownership structure is based outside the Union should apply only in highly exceptional circumstances, in particularly security-sensitive areas. Clearly defined conditions and criteria must apply in such cases. In that context, it is also important to respect the national competence of the Member States. The exclusion of European undertakings whose ownership structure is based in partner countries which are of strategic importance to the Union does not benefit Europe's economy, research or development, nor does it promote the Union's security and competitiveness.	CM 2757/21
Written procedure completed on 19 April 2021	CM 2772/21
<i>Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme</i> Position (EU) No 12/2021 of the Council at first reading with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (EU) No 390/2014 OJ C 166, 4.5.2021, p. 1–19	6833/1/20 REV 1

<p>Position (EU) No 12/2021 of the Council at first reading with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (EU) No 390/2014 - Statement of the Council's reasons OJ C 166, 4.5.2021, p. 20–21</p>	<p>6833/1/20 REV 1 ADD 1</p>
<p>Statement by Bulgaria The Republic of Bulgaria supports the aim of the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme to protect and promote rights and values as enshrined in the EU Treaties and in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, including by supporting civil society organisations, in order to sustain open, democratic and inclusive societies. We acknowledge that combating all forms of violence against women and domestic violence should be supported by the Programme and that promoting prevention, protecting and supporting victims are priorities of the Union which help to fulfil individuals' fundamental rights. At the same time, we note that the European Union has not acceded to the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention) and this Convention is not part of the EU law. Therefore, any reference to the Istanbul Convention in the Regulation cannot be construed as implying any commitments for the EU and the Member states of the EU to ratify and implement the Convention.</p>	<p>CM 2772/21</p>

<p>Statement by Hungary</p> <p>Hungary has expressed concerns as regards the draft regulations establishing the Rights and Values programme and the Justice programme for the period 2021-2027 several times during the negotiations and cannot support their final texts either. Concerning the draft regulation establishing the Rights and Values programme for the period 2021–2027 and the draft regulation establishing the Justice programme for the period 2021-2027, Hungary is of the opinion that deficiencies as regards the legal basis (especially concerning the 'Union values' strand, as well as the 'Citizens engagement and participation' strand of the Rights and Values programme), the blurred scope not limited to the field of application of Union law (including references to international treaties not ratified by the Union), the focus on the support of one specific type of eligible entities (civil society organisations), instead of focusing on the substantial projects, as well as the reference to concepts which are not in line with the language of the Treaties would have made a substantial revision of the draft regulations necessary. Hungary is firmly committed to the protection of fundamental rights and European values, including the promotion of civil society and equal treatment. Hungary maintains that basic requirements of legal certainty, principle of conferral and compliance with the Treaties in general shall be respected in order to prevent the impression that political and ideological views could have an impact, when defining the priorities of EU funding.</p>	<p>CM 2772/21</p>
<p>Written procedure completed on 19 April 2021</p>	<p>CM 2773/21</p>
<p><i>Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Justice Programme</i></p> <p>Position (EU) No 13/2021 of the Council at first reading with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Justice Programme and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013</p> <p>OJ C 167, 4.5.2021, p. 1–16</p>	<p>6834/1/20 REV 1</p>

<p>Position (EU) No 13/2021 of the Council at first reading with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Justice Programme and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013 - Statement of the Council's reasons</p> <p>OJ C 167, 4.5.2021, p. 17–18</p>	<p>6834/1/20 REV 1 ADD 1</p>
<p>Statement by Hungary</p> <p>Hungary has expressed concerns as regards the draft regulations establishing the Rights and Values programme and the Justice programme for the period 2021-2027 several times during the negotiations and cannot support their final texts either.</p> <p>Concerning the draft regulation establishing the Rights and Values programme for the period 2021–2027 and the draft regulation establishing the Justice programme for the period 2021-2027, Hungary is of the opinion that deficiencies as regards the legal basis (especially concerning the 'Union values' strand, as well as the 'Citizens engagement and participation' strand of the Rights and Values programme), the blurred scope not limited to the field of application of Union law (including references to international treaties not ratified by the Union), the focus on the support of one specific type of eligible entities (civil society organisations), instead of focusing on the substantial projects, as well as the reference to concepts which are not in line with the language of the Treaties would have made a substantial revision of the draft regulations necessary. Hungary is firmly committed to the protection of fundamental rights and European values, including the promotion of civil society and equal treatment.</p> <p>Hungary maintains that basic requirements of legal certainty, principle of conferral and compliance with the Treaties in general shall be respected in order to prevent the impression that political and ideological views could have an impact, when defining the priorities of EU funding.</p>	<p>CM 2773/21</p>

<p>Statement by Poland</p> <p>Poland maintains its objection to the wording of recital 10 of the regulation which contains an inconsistent and incomplete list of vulnerable groups particularly in risk of discrimination, prioritizing LGBT people over other vulnerable groups exposed to discrimination, e.g. poor people or exposed to discrimination due to political or religious beliefs, e.g. Christians, for whom there have been signs of intolerance or even acts of vandalism in recent times.</p> <p>The Republic of Poland notes that the conditionality mechanism indicated in recital 30 of the Regulation is currently the subject of complaint submitted by the Republic of Poland to the CJEU as duplicating the procedure under Art. 7 TEU and violating the competence of the European Council established in that article.</p> <p>For Poland it is unacceptable to provide in the regulation insufficiently specified conditions for the operation of non-governmental organizations, the fulfillment of which enables their financing under the regulation. Lack of clarification on this subject implies the risk of improper spending of EU funds and introduces an unlimited margin of discretion.</p> <p>Poland opposes the use of the term "gender" in the regulation. That wording is unknown to primary law and ambiguously understood by individual Member States, and at the risk of overinterpretation in the absence of its legal definition in EU law.</p> <p>Poland understands wording "gender equality" as referring to "equality between women and men", in line with art. 2 and art. 3 of the Treaty on European Union. Also Poland understands wording "gender" as referring to "sex" in line with art. 10, art. 19 para 1 and art. 157 para 2 and 4 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.</p>	CM 2773/21
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Written procedure completed on 19 April 2021	CM 2684/21
<p><i>Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Argentine Republic pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions on all the tariff-rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the EU</i></p> <p>Council Decision (EU) 2021/651 of 19 April 2021 on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Argentine Republic pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions on all the tariff-rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union</p> <p>OJ L 135, 21.4.2021, p. 1-1</p>	<p>6836/21</p> <p>6838/21</p>
<p>Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Argentine Republic pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions on all the tariff-rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union - Request for the consent of the European Parliament</p>	6837/21
Written procedure completed on 19 April 2021	CM 2682/21
<p><i>Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the United States of America pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions on all the tariff-rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the EU</i></p> <p>Council Decision (EU) 2021/650 of 19 April 2021 on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the United States of America pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions on all the tariff rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union</p> <p>OJ L 135, 21.4.2021, p. 2-3</p>	<p>7167/21</p> <p>7169/21</p>

<p>Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the United States of America pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions on all the tariff rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union - Request for the consent of the European Parliament</p>	<p>7168/21</p>
<p>Written procedure completed on 20 April 2021</p>	<p>CM 2603/21</p>
<p><i>Position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the written procedure by regarding the envisaged decision of the Participants to the Arrangement on Officially Supported Export Credits</i> Council Decision (EU) 2021/671 of 20 April 2021 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the written procedure by the Participants to the Arrangement on Officially Supported Export Credits as regards the adoption of a decision to increase official support for export credits in the form of local costs OJ L 141, 26.4.2021, p. 19–20</p>	<p>7201/21 7202/21</p>
<p>Statement by the Commission The Commission considers that the Council Decision should be addressed to the Commission, and therefore considers the changes to Article 2 to be inappropriate.</p> <p>The expression of the Union position in a body set up by an agreement is an act of external representation of the Union which, in accordance with Article 17(1) TEU, is the institutional prerogative of the Commission.</p> <p>The Commission reserves all its rights in this regard.</p>	<p>CM 2603/21</p>

Written procedure completed on 20 April 2021	CM 2696/21
<p><i>Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations to amend the International Cocoa Agreement 2010</i></p> <p>Council Decision (EU) 2021/675 of 20 April 2021 authorising the opening of negotiations to amend the International Cocoa Agreement 2010</p> <p>OJ L 144, 27.4.2021, p. 1–2</p>	<p>7335/21 + ADD 1</p>
Written procedure completed on 20 April 2021	CM 2752/21
<p><i>Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Cybersecurity Industrial, Technology and Research Competence Centre and the Network of National Coordination Centres</i></p> <p>Position (EU) No 18/2021 of the Council at first reading with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Cybersecurity Industrial, Technology and Research Competence Centre and the Network of National Coordination Centres</p> <p>OJ C 191, 18.5.2021, p. 1–31</p>	<p>5628/2/21 REV 2</p>

<p>Position (EU) No 18/2021 of the Council at first reading with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Cybersecurity Industrial, Technology and Research Competence Centre and the Network of National Coordination Centres - Statement of the Council's reasons OJ C 191, 18.5.2021, p. 32–34</p>	5628/21 ADD 1
<p>Statement by the Republic of Croatia The Republic of Croatia would like to express its full support for the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Cybersecurity Industrial, Technology and Research Competence Centre and the Network of National Coordination Centres (Regulation establishing the European Cybersecurity Competence Centre). However, the Republic of Croatia wishes to express its discontent with the current Croatian linguistic version of the Regulation, i.e. with the Croatian equivalent of the English term “cyber” and its derivatives into the Croatian language , an issue that we have continuously raised on several levels within the Council during last few years. The Republic of Croatia has been seriously concerned that the current Croatian version of the Regulation may lead to legal uncertainty. Namely, current Croatian version of the Regulation uses terminology that is non-existent in sectorial Croatian legislation and infrequent in public and professional use, thus creating confusion and undermining legal certainty, coherence and clarity. Therefore, the Republic of Croatia will abstain when it comes to the voting on the adoption of the Regulation establishing the European Cybersecurity Competence Centre. The Republic of Croatia reiterates its position that the terminology used by the EU Institutions should be aligned with already existing national legal terminology to ensure legal certainty. The Republic of Croatia remains committed to promoting open, free, stable and secure cyberspace and continues to support establishment and the activities of European Cybersecurity Industrial, Technology and Research Competence Centre and the Network of National Coordination Centres.</p>	CM 2752/21

Written procedure completed on 20 April 2021	CM 2789/21
<p><i>Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Solidarity Corps Programme</i> Position (EU) No 17/2021 of the Council at first reading with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Solidarity Corps Programme and repealing Regulations (EU) 2018/1475 and (EU) No 375/2014 (Text with EEA relevance) OJ C 181, 10.5.2021, p. 1–24</p>	14153/1/20 REV 1
<p>Position (EU) No 17/2021 of the Council at first reading with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Solidarity Corps Programme and repealing Regulations (EU) 2018/1475 and (EU) No 375/2014 - Statement of the Council's reasons OJ C 181, 10.5.2021, p. 25–27</p>	14153/20 ADD 1
<p>Statement by Hungary Equality between women and men is enshrined in the Treaties of the European Union as a fundamental right. Hungary ensures equality between women and men within the framework of the Hungarian national legal system in accordance with internationally binding human rights instruments and within the framework of fundamental values and principles of the European Union. For these reasons, Hungary interprets the concept of “gender” in the text of the Regulation as a reference to sex.</p>	CM 2789/21

<p>Statement by Poland on using “gender” and on the conditionality mechanism</p> <p>The Republic of Poland understands ‘gender equality’ as referring to equality between women and men established in Articles 2 and 3 TEU. In addition, the Republic of Poland understands ‘gender’ as ‘sex’ in accordance with Article 10, Article 19(1) and Article 157(2) and (4) TFEU.</p> <p>The Republic of Poland notes that the conditionality mechanism referred to in recital 64 of the draft Regulation is currently the subject of an action before the CJEU brought by the Republic of Poland for duplicating the procedure laid down in Article 7 TEU and thereby violating the competence of the European Council established in that Article.</p>	CM 2789/21
<p>Statement by the European Commission</p> <p>The European Commission takes note of the proposal of the European Parliament to consider “the number of local actors that apply the knowledge, the principles and the approaches learnt through the humanitarian activities in which the volunteer and the experts have participated” when supplementing the Regulation with provisions on the establishment of a monitoring and evaluation framework.</p>	CM 2789/21
<p>Written procedure completed on 21 April 2021</p>	CM 2627/21
<p>Nineteenth annual report of the Council on the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents</p>	7090/21
<p>Written procedure completed on 21 April 2021</p>	CM 2788/21
<p><i>Opening of negotiations with the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organisation for the renewal of the Agreement between the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) and the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organisation (KEDO)</i></p> <p>Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations with the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organisation for the renewal of the Agreement between the European Atomic Energy Community and the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organisation</p>	7062/21 13213/20 ADD 1 EU RESTRICTED

Written procedure completed on 22 April 2021	CM 2864/21
<i>Council Implementing Decision setting out a recommendation on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2019 evaluation of Slovenia on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of police cooperation</i>	7545/21
<i>Council Implementing Decision setting out a recommendation on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2019 evaluation of Slovenia on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of police cooperation</i>	
Written procedure completed on 23 April 2021	CM 2571/21
<i>Draft Joint Declaration on behalf of the EU and its Member States on the designation of Marine Protected Areas in the Southern Ocean with Australia, Norway, the United Kingdom, Uruguay and possibly other third countries</i>	7889/21
<i>Authorisation to sign on behalf of the European Union</i>	
Written procedure completed on 23 April 2021	CM 2797/21
<i>Team Europe</i>	7752/21
<i>Council conclusions</i>	
Written procedure completed on 23 April 2021	CM 2798/21
<i>2020 Annual Report on the implementation of the European Union's instruments for financing external actions in 2019</i>	7756/21
<i>Council conclusions</i>	
Written procedure completed on 23 April 2021	CM 2806/21
<i>Council Implementing Decision and Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya</i>	7776/21
<i>Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2021/672 of 23 April 2021 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya</i>	
OJL 141, 26.4.2021, p. 21–22	
<i>Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/667 of 23 April 2021 implementing Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/44 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya</i>	7779/21
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Written procedure completed on 23 April 2021	CM 2816/21
Council Decision replacing a member of the Management Board of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA), for Czech Republic	7696/21
Council Decision replacing a member of the Management Board of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA), for Spain	7699/21
Council Decision replacing an alternate member of the Management Board of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA), for Finland	7701/21
Council Decision replacing an alternate member of the Management Board of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA), for Finland	7704/21
Council Decision replacing a member of the Management Board of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA), for Austria	7714/21
Written procedure completed on 23 April 2021	CM 2818/21
Council Decision replacing a member of the Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work, for Czech Republic	7689/21
Council Decision replacing a member of the Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work, for Spain	7691/21
Council Decision replacing an alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work, for Finland	7693/21
Written procedure completed on 23 April 2021	CM 2819/21
Council Decision replacing a member of the Management Board of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions, for Italy	7708/21

Written procedure completed on 23 April 2021	CM 2821/21
<i>Council Decision appointing the members and alternate members of the Advisory Committee on Freedom of Movement for Workers for Italy</i> Council Decision of 13 April 2021 appointing the members and alternate members of the Advisory Committee on Freedom of Movement for Workers for Italy OJ C 149I, 27.4.2021, p. 1–2	6987/21
Written procedure completed on 23 April 2021	CM 2836/21
<i>Council Regulation amending Regulations (EU) 2021/91 and (EU) 2021/92 as regards certain fishing opportunities for 2021 in Union and non-Union waters</i> Council Regulation (EU) 2021/703 of 26 April 2021 amending Regulations (EU) 2021/91 and (EU) 2021/92 as regards certain fishing opportunities for 2021 in Union and non-Union waters OJ L 146, 29.4.2021, p. 1–69	7401/21 + COR 1
Written procedure completed on 23 April 2021	CM 2888/21
Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme Joint declaration of the European Parliament and the Council on financing the Union values strand in 2021 OJ C 168I, 5.5.2021, p. 1–1	CM 2885/21
Written procedure completed on 23 April 2021	CM 2889/21
<i>Draft amending budget No 2 to the general budget for 2021 financing the COVID-19 response and including refinements and updates related to the final adoption of the Multiannual Financial Framework</i> Council Decision of 23 April 2021 adopting the Council’s position on draft amending budget No 2 of the European Union for the financial year OJ C 161I, 3.5.2021, p. 2–3	7872/21

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Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Greece and France in relation to natural disasters and to Albania, Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czechia, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Spain in relation to a public health emergency	7876/1/21 REV1
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Council Conclusions on the European Court of Auditors' Special Report No 2/2021: 'EU humanitarian aid for education: helps children in need, but should be longer-term and reach more girls'	7857/21
Written procedure completed on 23 April 2021	CM 2901/21
Council Conclusions on Next Generation EU Green Bonds	7817/21

Written procedure completed on 23 April 2021	CM 2902/21
<p><i>Temporary support under Regulation (EU) 2020/672</i> Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/681 of 23 April 2021 amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1342 granting temporary support under Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to the Kingdom of Belgium to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak OJ L 144, 27.4.2021, p. 24–30</p>	7499/21
<p>Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/680 of 23 April 2021 amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1344 granting temporary support under Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to the Republic of Cyprus to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak OJ L 144, 27.4.2021, p. 19–23</p>	7498/21
<p>Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/679 of 23 April 2021 amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1346 granting temporary support under Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to the Hellenic Republic to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak OJ L 144, 27.4.2021, p. 16–18</p>	7497/21
<p>Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/677 of 23 April 2021 amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1351 granting temporary support under Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to the Republic of Latvia to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak OJ L 144, 27.4.2021, p. 7–11</p>	7495/21

Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/678 of 23 April 2021 amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1350 granting temporary support under Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to the Republic of Lithuania to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak OJ L 144, 27.4.2021, p. 12–15	7496/21
Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/676 of 23 April 2021 amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1352 granting temporary support under Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to the Republic of Malta to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak OJ L 144, 27.4.2021, p. 3–6	7494/21
Written procedure completed on 23 April 2021	CM 2905/21
<i>Implementation Review Mechanism of the United Nations Convention against corruption</i> Statement of the European Union under the Implementation Review Mechanism of the United Nations Convention against corruption	7342/1/21 REV 1
Draft Internal rules for the Implementation Review Mechanism with regard to the United Nations Convention against corruption	7341/1/21 REV 1
Written procedure completed on 26 April 2021	CM 2895/21
Reappointment of the Secretary General of the Lisbon Study Groups	WK 4820/21
Written procedure completed on 27 April 2021	CM 2791/21
PUBLIC ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS – Confirmatory application No 09/c/01/21	7047/21

<p>Statement by Sweden</p> <p>Sweden cannot concur with the draft reply to confirmatory application No 09/c/01/21 that disclosure of the documents WK 13579/20 and WK 13579/20 REV 1 would seriously undermine the ongoing decision-making process protection (Article 4(3), first subparagraph of Regulation (EC) 1049/2001) or the public interest with regard to international relations (Article 4(1)(a), third indent of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001). Considering the restrictive interpretation of this exception by the Court regarding documents that relate to legislative procedures (De Capitani case, T-540/15), Sweden believes that it is not sufficiently motivated that there is an actual and concrete risk that full disclosure would seriously undermine the institution's ongoing decision-making process and this risk is reasonably foreseeable and not only hypothetical. Furthermore, Sweden believes there is an overriding public interest in disclosing the documents.</p>	<p>CM 2791/21</p>
<p>Statement by Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovakia</p> <p>Poland, Czechia, Hungary and Slovakia are of the view that since the legislative process regarding the New Pact on Migration and Asylum has not been finalized and taking into account the highly sensitive nature of the subject matter of the ongoing discussions on the issue of return sponsorship, there is a risk that the Council's decision-making process in the meaning of Article 4(3) of Regulation 1049/2001 might be seriously undermined by the disclosure of the documents 13261/20, 14276/20 and 5755/21. Disclosure of these documents at this stage would seriously affect the chances of finding a compromise and jeopardise the conclusion of an agreement within the Council. In this case, the risk of undermining the institution's ongoing decision-making process is not only hypothetical. Furthermore, notwithstanding the fact that the documents in question do not refer specifically to individual positions of Member States, they reveal details, including possible weaknesses of the proposed future system which may directly affect the security of the Member States and the EU as a whole and therefore that information is highly sensitive especially in terms of serious external challenges that the EU has been facing and has to face in the future (such as e.g. illegal migration, migrant smuggling). Disclosure of the requested documents containing information of that kind would therefore involve a concrete risk of undermining the capacity of the EU to address those challenges and ultimately to defend public security. Consequently, the documents in question fall under also the exception relating to the protection of the public interest as regards public security pursuant to Article 4(1)(a) of Regulation No 1049/2001. That is why we are opposed to grant access to the above mentioned documents.</p>	<p>CM 2791/21</p>

Written procedure completed on 28 April 2021	CM 2991/21
Council Decision replacing an alternate member of the Management Board of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA), for Portugal	7844/21
Written procedure completed on 29 April 2021	CM 2808/21
<i>Council Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Myanmar/Burma</i> Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/711 of 29 April 2021 amending Decision 2013/184/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Myanmar/Burma OJ L 147, 30.4.2021, p. 17–18	7611/21
Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/706 of 29 April 2021 implementing Regulation (EU) No 401/2013 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Myanmar/Burma OJ L 147, 30.4.2021, p. 1–2	7613/21
Notice for the attention of the persons subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2013/184/CFSP, as amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/711, and in Council Regulation (EU) No 401/2013, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/706 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Myanmar/Burma OJ C 154, 30.4.2021, p. 3–4	7616/21
Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2013/184/CFSP and Council Regulation (EU) No 401/2013 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Myanmar/Burma apply OJ C 154, 30.4.2021, p. 5–5	7616/21

Written procedure completed on 29 April 2021	CM 2832/21
<p><i>Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the other part, and of the Agreement between the European Union and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning security procedures for exchanging and protecting classified information</i></p> <p>Council Decision (EU) 2021/689 of 29 April 2021 on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the other part, and of the Agreement between the European Union and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning security procedures for exchanging and protecting classified information</p> <p>OJ L 149, 30.4.2021, p. 2–9</p>	5022/3/21 REV 3
Approval of the Declarations referred to in the Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement and of the Agreement concerning security procedures for exchanging and protecting classified information	8118/21
Written procedure completed on 29 April 2021	CM 2927/21
<p><i>Council Decision appointing the European Union Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process</i></p> <p>Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/710 of 29 April 2021 appointing the European Union Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process</p> <p>OJ L 147, 30.4.2021, p. 12–16</p>	7052/21

<p><i>Council Implementing Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Central African Republic</i></p> <p>Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2021/712 of 29 April 2021 implementing Decision 2013/798/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Central African Republic</p> <p>OJ L 147, 30.4.2021, p. 19–20</p>	8074/21 + ADD 1
<p>Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/707 of 29 April 2021 implementing Article 17(3) of Regulation (EU) No 224/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Central African Republic</p> <p>OJ L 147, 30.4.2021, p. 3–4</p>	8076/21 + ADD 1
<p>Written procedure completed on 29 April 2021</p>	CM 2928/21
<p><i>Council Decision on the submission, on behalf of the European Union, of proposals to amend Annexes A and B to the Minamata Convention on Mercury, regarding mercury-added products and manufacturing processes in which mercury or mercury compounds are used</i></p> <p>Council Decision (EU) 2021/727 of 29 April 2021 on the submission, on behalf of the European Union, of proposals to amend Annexes A and B to the Minamata Convention on Mercury, regarding mercury-added products and manufacturing processes in which mercury or mercury compounds are used</p> <p>OJ L 155, 5.5.2021, p. 23–25</p>	7534/21
<p>Statement from the Commission</p> <p>The Commission considers that the Council Decision should be addressed to the Commission, and therefore considers the changes to Article 3 to be inappropriate.</p> <p>The expression of the Union position in a body set up by an agreement is an act of external representation of the Union which, in accordance with Article 17(1) TEU, is the institutional prerogative of the Commission.</p> <p>The Commission reserves all its rights in this regard.</p>	CM 2928/21

Written procedure completed on 30 April 2021	CM 2954/21
<i>Council Decision on the security of systems and services deployed, operated and used under the Union Space Programme which may affect the security of the Union</i> Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/698 of 30 April 2021 on the security of systems and services deployed, operated and used under the Union Space Programme which may affect the security of the Union, and repealing Decision 2014/496/CFSP OJ L 170, 12.5.2021, p. 178–182	10108/19
Written procedure completed on 30 April 2021	CM 3018/21
Approval of transfer of appropriations No DEC 04/2021 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2021	7536/21
Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund following an application from Estonia – EGF/2020/002 EE/Estonia Tourism	8045/21
Written procedure completed on 30 April 2021	CM 3024/21
<i>Council Regulation laying down implementing measures for the system of own resources of the European Union</i> Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2021/768 of 30 April 2021 laying down implementing measures for the system of own resources of the European Union and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 608/2014 OJ L 165, 11.5.2021, p. 1–8	10045/20 + COR 1

<p><i>Council Regulation on the calculation of the own resource based on plastic packaging waste that is not recycled, on the methods and procedure for making available that own resource, on the measures to meet cash requirements, and on certain aspects of the own resource based on gross national income</i></p> <p>Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2021/770 of 30 April 2021 on the calculation of the own resource based on plastic packaging waste that is not recycled, on the methods and procedure for making available that own resource, on the measures to meet cash requirements, and on certain aspects of the own resource based on gross national income</p> <p>OJ L 165, 11.5.2021, p. 15–24</p>	<p>13142/20 + COR 1</p>
<p><i>Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC, Euratom) No 1553/89 on the definitive uniform arrangements for the collection of own resources accruing from value added tax</i></p> <p>Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2021/769 of 30 April 2021 amending Regulation (EEC, Euratom) No 1553/89 on the definitive uniform arrangements for the collection of own resources accruing from value added tax</p> <p>OJ L 165, 11.5.2021, p. 9–14</p>	<p>12843/20</p>
<p>Written procedure completed on 30 April 2021</p>	<p>CM 3028/21</p>
<p>Council Decision on the submission, on behalf of the European Union, of a proposal for an Executive Body decision regarding the methodology for updates to reflect changes in the membership of the Union, with a view to the 41st session of the Executive Body of the Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution, and on the position to be taken on behalf of the Union in that session</p>	<p>7682/21</p>

Statement from the Commission

The Commission considers that the Council Decision should be addressed to the Commission, and therefore considers the changes to Article 5 to be inappropriate.

The expression of the Union position in a body set up by an agreement is an act of external representation of the Union which, in accordance with Article 17(1) TEU, is the institutional prerogative of the Commission.

The Commission reserves all its rights in this regard.