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| From: | Presidency |
| To: | Working Party on Structural Measures and Outermost Regions |
| Subject: | First draft of Council conclusions on the inclusion of the Republic of San Marino to the EU Strategy for the Adriatic-Ionian Region (EUSAIR) |

In view of the meeting of the Structural Actions and Outermost Regions WP of next 30 September, delegations will find attached a first Presidency draft of Council conclusions on the inclusion of the Republic of San Marino to the EU Strategy for the Adriatic-Ionian Region (EUSAIR).

Draft Council Conclusions on including the Republic of San Marino in EUSAIR

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

(1) RECALLING the conclusions of the Council of 29 September 2014¹, which endorsed the European Union Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR) based on the Commission's Communication of 17 June 2014²;

(2) CONSIDERING the Izola Declaration of 11 May 2021 where the Adriatic and Ionian Council/EUSAIR Ministerial Meeting responded positively to the request put forward by the Republic of San Marino to become the tenth Participating Country of the EU Strategy for Adriatic and Ionian Region and proposed to the Council of the European Union to undertake all necessary steps to include San Marino in the EUSAIR;

(3) CONSIDERING the letter of 15 June 2021 from the four EUSAIR EU member states (Croatia, Greece, Italy and Slovenia) to the Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the EU asking it to launch the procedure in the Council for the inclusion of the Republic of San Marino in the EUSAIR, and NOTING the Portuguese Presidency's reply of 28 June 2021;

- A. WELCOMES and ACCEPTS the request put forward by the countries participating in the EUSAIR to include the Republic of San Marino in the EUSAIR;
- B. INVITES the Commission to take the necessary steps to include the Republic of San Marino in the EUSAIR and to submit an accordingly amended Strategy to the Council.

¹ doc. 13503/14

² doc. 10675/14