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MEETING DOCUMENT

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Working Party on Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices (Attachés) Working Party on Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices (Critical Medicines Act)
Subject:	Meeting of the Working Party on Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices - Flash from the Presidency

Delegations will find attached the Presidency flash for the meeting of the Working Party on Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices on 8 October 2025. The draft agenda is set out in CM 4360/2025.

Invitation to Working Party meetings on 8 October 2025

The Danish Presidency is pleased to invite you to the next meeting of the Working Party on Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices under the Danish Presidency. The meeting will take place on the 8th of October 2025.

The meeting will be a full-day event on the Critical Medicines Act.

Please find below a note outlining the objectives of the meeting and the agenda.

Danish Presidency
Council of the European Union

Working party on Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices: Critical Medicines Act

On the 8th of October 2025 the Working Party on Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices will hold a full-day meeting dedicated to the proposal for a Critical Medicines Act.

We will continue from the previous Working Party on the 25th and 26th of September with a presentation and discussion of the Presidency's compromise proposal concerning strategic projects, i.e. Chapter III (articles 7-14 and article 17) as outlined in document 12773/25.

Afterwards, we will proceed with the presentation and discussion of the Presidency's compromise proposal regarding provisions on the Critical Medicines Coordination Group as set out in Chapter V (articles 25-26), the provision on International Cooperation in Chapter VI (article 27), the provision on Amendments to Regulation in Chapter VII (article 28), the final provisions in Chapter VIII (article 28-31) and the general provisions in Chapter I (article 1-4) as outlined in document 12773/25.

For the discussion regarding article 2, please take note of the corrigendum issued by the Presidency (document ST 12773/25 COR1). After listening to delegations in the previous Working Party, the Precedency sees a need to specify which provisions fall under the scope of both critical medicines and medicines of common interest, and which ones apply to critical medicines and medicines of common interest, respectively.

The Presidency invites delegations to exchange comments, views, and propose amendments to the articles, welcoming both general observations and a detailed article-by-article discussion.

FUN FACT OF THE WEEK

Did you know that the renowned Danish designer Hans Wegner – whom we encountered on our tour at Designmuseum Denmark – was actually half German? Wegner is one of the most celebrated designers in Denmark and internationally, and he even designed the furniture for Aarhus City Hall. As you might remember from an earlier flash the City Hall itself was designed by Arne Jacobsen.

One of his most iconic creations, the chair famously used by John F. Kennedy in his televised debate with Richard Nixon, later appeared on a Danish postage stamp in the 1990s. The very same chair also made its way to the VIP lounge during the COP15 Climate Summit in Copenhagen, where President Obama was photographed sitting in one.

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