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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 27 and 28 October 2025. The draft agenda are set out in CM 4571/2025 and CM 4696/2025.

Invitation to Working Party meetings on 27-28 October 2025

The Danish Presidency is pleased to invite you to the next meetings of the Working Party on Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices under the Danish Presidency. The meetings will take place on the 27th and 28th of October 2025.

The meeting on the 27th of October will be a full-day event on the Critical Medicines Act.

The meeting on the 28th of October will be a half-day event (morning session) on the Critical Medicines Act. In the afternoon session the Pharmaceutical package will be discussed. A separate flash will follow on the latter.

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

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27th of October: Working Party on Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices, Critical Medicines Act

On the 27th 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, following up on Coreper's political guidance for further work.

We will begin the morning session with examination of the Presidency's second compromise proposal, as outlined in document st14177/25. The focus will be on Chapter I, III, and V. As we are now moving into the phase of finalisation of the text, Member States are invited to focus their interventions on their key points and primary political concerns.

For the afternoon session, the Working Party on Public Procurement will also be invited to attend. We will follow up on the political guidance for further work on Chapter IV, received from Coreper. Member States are invited to focus their interventions on their key points and primary political concerns. The rest of the afternoon is dedicated to the remaining chapters of the proposed compromise text; Chapter VI, VII, and VIII.

28th of October: Working Party on Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices, Critical Medicines Act

On the 28th of October 2025 the Working Party on Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices will hold a half-day morning meeting dedicated to the proposal for a Critical Medicines Act.

In this session we will continue the examination of the Presidency's second compromise proposal, focusing on the remaining chapters of the proposed compromise text. The Presidency invites delegations to focus their interventions on their key points and primary political concerns.

Please note that the meeting on October 28 will be in attaché format.

FUN FACT OF THE WEEK

Did you know that the Danish designer Poul Henningsen – better known as PH – was not only famous for his iconic lamps, like the hanging from the ceiling in the plenary during the Informal Ministerial Meeting, but also designed pianos, furniture, and even holiday homes?

In addition to his work as a designer, Henningsen was also a journalist and filmmaker, sometime conveying quite politically motivated messages.

Remarkably, Henningsen also donated his body to science. It is still preserved and displayed today, allowing medical students to study it – a final contribution to learning and knowledge.

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