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MEETING DOCUMENT

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Working Party on Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices (Attachés) Working Party on Public Health (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 Public Health and the Working Party on Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices on 3 November 2025. The draft agendas are set out in CM 4843/2025 and CM 4787/2025.

Invitation to Working Party meeting on 3 November 2025

The Danish Presidency is pleased to invite you to the next meetings of the Working Party on Public Health (attaché format) and of the Working Party on Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices under the Danish Presidency. The meetings will take place on the 3rd of November 2025.

The meeting Working Party on Public Health, in its capacity as Special Committee within the meaning of Article 218(4) TFEU, will meet in the morning, from 10-11 AM. The meeting will be followed by the Working Party on Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices, which will focus on the Critical Medicines Act.

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

Danish Presidency
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Working party on Public Health: Negotiations with EEA EFTA Countries

On the 3rd of November 2025 the Working Party on Public Health, in its capacity as Special Committee within the meaning of Article 218(4) TFEU, will meet in the morning, from 10-11 AM. to receive an update on the state of play on the negotiations for one or more agreement(s) with the Kingdom of Norway, the Republic of Iceland and the Principality of Liechtenstein on health emergency measures in the area of medical countermeasures. The Commission will present the next steps of the negotiation process with the EEA Countries.

Upon the conclusion of the presentation, there will be an opportunity for a second round of questions and comments from Member States.

Working party on Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices: Critical Medicines Act

On the 3rd of November 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 begin with the presentation and discussion of the Presidency's compromise proposal for the recitals for the Critical Medicines Act, as outlined in document st 14570/25.

The Presidency invites delegations to focus their interventions on their key points and primary political concerns, as this will be the last dedicated discussion of the recitals in preparation for the final discussion of the compromise text at the Working Party on 6 November in preparation for Coreper on 14 November.

FUN FACT OF THE WEEK

Did you know that the famous Danish designer Verner Panton, best known for his iconic lamps, was actually taught by another renowned Danish designer, Finn Juhl? Early in his career, Panton contributed to the design of the "Ant" chair

before establishing his own studio, where he began exploring a more surrealistic and futuristic style.

Many of his most iconic creations – such as the Panton Chair and the Panthella Lamp – have remained in continuous production for decades, a true testament to the timeless appeal and enduring popularity of his designs.