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Delegations will find, in Annex, comments from **Italy** on the above-mentioned document.

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Italy's comments on the “*Non-paper from the Presidency on possible ways forward*”

We thank the Presidency for its efforts in synthesising the positions and proposing the three compromise options.

We consider Option 1 acceptable, though capable of further improvement.

The introduction of a single compensation threshold simplifies the system. The threshold of 4 hours, combined with an increased compensation of EUR 300, is still higher than two of the thresholds envisaged under Option 3 and contributes to simplification, as does the streamlined provision on submitting compensation claims.

Maintaining the right to self-rerouting in cases where air carriers are unable to organise re-routing, as set out in the Council's position at first reading, together with the introduction of check-in at the airport at no extra cost to the passenger, ensures stronger passenger protection.

With regard to the rules for the aspects of hand baggage, since these are purely commercial matters, it should be left to the revision of Regulation 1008/2008; otherwise, they would overburden the Regulation and create an excessive workload for the NEBs.