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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Working Party on Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices (HTA)

Subject: Informal videoconference of the members of the Working Party on Pharmaceuticals and Medical devices on 12 January 2021
- Flash from the Presidency

Delegations will find enclosed the Presidency Flash for the informal videoconference of the members of the Working Party on Pharmaceuticals and Medical devices scheduled for 12 January 2021. The draft agenda is set out in CM 5491/20.



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PT Presidency Flash

Virtual Meeting of the members of the Working Party on Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices

Tuesday, 12 January 2021

09:30 - 13:00

Brussels, 7 January 2021

Dear colleagues,

We are delighted to invite you to the first meeting of the members of the Working Party on Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices under the Portuguese Presidency, dedicated mainly to the proposal on Health Technology Assessment. The meeting will be held in a virtual format from 09:30 to 13.00. The provisional agenda has been circulated as document CM 5491/2020.

We would like to start the meeting by briefly outlining the main points on the Portuguese Presidency Programme and its priorities in the area of Public Health, Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices, followed by the dates and topics of the meetings foreseen in January.

After that, we will continue our discussion on Health Technology Assessment, based on the latest version of the compromise text¹ prepared under the German Presidency in cooperation with the Portuguese Presidency, taking into account the comments provided during the Working Party meeting held on 8 December 2020. With the view of addressing the outstanding issues, we would like to focus the discussion on **Articles 5, 6d and 9**, that we see as essential to progress on the file.

We also very much welcome any final written comments you may have on the latest version of the compromise text by **14 January COB**. Based on this, we will work on a revised compromise text, which will be presented to you during the month of January.

¹ Doc 13636/20



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Should you wish to raise points under the AOB section, please do not hesitate to contact the Presidency and the Council Secretariat.

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Regulation on serious cross-border threats to health and repealing Decision No 1082/2013/EU

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Regulation on Health Technology Assessment and regulation on a reinforced role for the European Medicines Agency in crisis preparedness and management for medicinal products and medical devices

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- ☀ With the Portuguese Presidency bringing forward the anthem "*Time to Deliver*", alongside the stress and workload provoked by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Portuguese Health Team decided to present you with some sights of our country during each Working Party. Hopefully it can contribute to cheer you up and, who knows, maybe even provide you with some inspiration for the next and well deserved vacation period.

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Fun Fact: Locals from Lisbon are called 'Lisboetas', but many do not know the second nickname: 'Alfacinhas'. *Alface* is the Portuguese word for lettuce, and *alfacinha* means 'little lettuce'.



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