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Delegations will find attached a Flash note from the Presidency in relation to the meeting of the Working Party on Intellectual Property (Patents) on 22 January 2024.

Working Party Meeting of January 22nd

Dear colleagues,

We would like to welcome you to our second Working Party meeting of the year, which will take place on Monday January 22nd, and will take place for a full day. The corresponding CM document for this meeting (CM 1186/24) was issued through Delegates Portal on January 15th.

During this meeting, we will start a thorough article-by-article examination of the **Compulsory Licensing for Crisis Management proposal**, during which Member States are invited to share their questions, remarks and suggestions on the text of the proposal. We will follow a classical and logical order, starting at Article 1, moving up until the final Article 26. While we would be happy if we could discuss all articles of the proposal on January 22nd, we prefer a substantive, in-depth discussion and do not want to rush the examination. During this article-by-article examination, we will also come back to the questions and remarks that were formulated by delegations during the previous Working Party meeting.

As announced during our Working Party meeting on January 12th, the Council Secretariat has also circulated a 3-column document in order to collect Member States' written comments on the Compulsory Licensing for Crisis Management proposal in a structured and convenient manner. The deadline for these written comments is **February 5th**.

We look forward to speaking with you soon!

The Belgian Presidency Team

