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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 26 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 26 January 2021. The draft agenda is set out in CM 1228/21.



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Presidency Flash

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

Tuesday, 26 January 2021

10:00 - 13:00/ 14:30 - 17:30 (CET)

Brussels, 22 January 2021

Dear Colleagues,

We are delighted to invite you to the third meeting of the members of the Working Party on Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices under the Portuguese Presidency. This meeting will be dedicated to the proposal on Health Technology Assessment. It will be held in a virtual format, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 14:30 to 17:30 (CET). The provisional agenda has been circulated as document CM 1228/21.

Our objective is to discuss the revised Presidency compromise text, circulated as document 5362/21. This text has been prepared after careful consideration of delegations' interventions during the meeting of the Working Party on Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices held on 12 January 2021, the written contributions subsequently received (WK 598/2021) and comments received from the Council Legal Service.

We hope that this revised text will meet your support, which would allow us moving forward on this important file.

Based on the outcomes of this meeting, recitals will be further adapted and reviewed at a later stage.

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 amending Regulation (EC) n.º 851/2004 establishing a European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

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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.

Coimbra



Fun Fact: Home of our colleague Mariane, Coimbra is home of one of the oldest Universities in Europe – the University of Coimbra was established in 1290 and since 2013 it's considered a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Its oldest Library (*Biblioteca Joanina*) counts on the precious help of a bats' colony to protect the books from insects and locals warmly nicknamed the University students "bats" due to their appearance when wearing the academic garment (black suit with black long cape).



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