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From: Presidency
To: Delegations

Subject: Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on combating corruption
– Presidency note

Please find in annex a note from the incoming Presidency on the file mentioned under subject.

1. The negotiations in trilogues on the draft anti-corruption Directive have been going on under the Polish Presidency since January this year. The latest political trilogue was held on 16 June 2025. Delegations were subsequently informed of the outcome at the JHA Counsellors meeting on 18 June 2025 and at Coreper on 19 June 2025.
2. Building on the impressive work of the Polish Presidency, the incoming Danish Presidency will continue the efforts to reach a political agreement with the European Parliament in the coming months. As a first step, the Presidency wishes to focus on a consolidation of the Council position, by taking stock of the latest developments and carefully analysing the state of play. Informal exchanges and consultation with the EP negotiations team are also scheduled for July.
3. A Council document with the latest updated version of the four column table was issued on 27 June 2025¹. The Danish Presidency would summarize the table and notable open issues as follows:

a) **Chapter I** – General provisions: those have been provisionally agreed.

b) [REDACTED]

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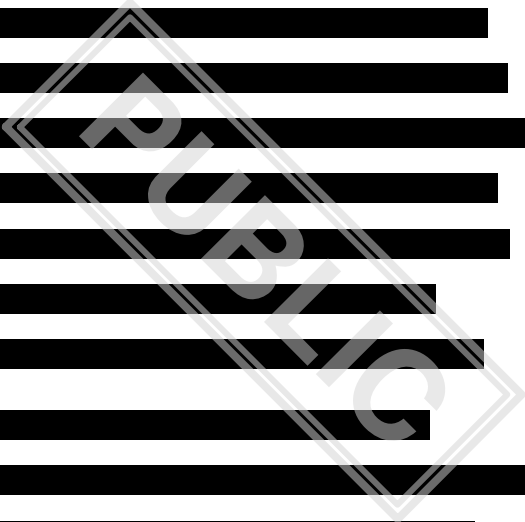
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4. **In the light of the state of play as described above, the Presidency invites JHA Counsellors to consider, at their meeting on 7 July, the following key questions:**

- a. Based on the four-column table, and the summary in this document highlighting the notable open issues: Do delegations have any remarks on the state of play and/or on the direction of the trilogue?

The delegations are invited to give their remarks orally at the meeting and/or in writing before the 15th of August 2025 to the following email addresses:

Danish Presidency: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

General Secretariat: jai.criminal.justice@consilium.europa.eu

- b. [REDACTED]
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- c. On Article 15: Are the two proposals from the Parliament described in the four-column-table (lines 131 and 140) acceptable to delegations?
- d. On Article 18: Would delegations be ready to accept the text as it stands in the table, if a recital clarifying that the mandatory nature of the aggravating circumstance regarding organised crime applies to the national legislator and not to the national judge in an individual case is added to the text?
- e. On Article 21c: Is a reference to “specialised knowledge” in recital 6 acceptable to delegations?
- f. On Article 26: Are the options tabled by the Parliament on a rule on amnesty and immunity acceptable for the delegations? If so, which one? Are there other options to address the issue in the text that the delegations could envisage?
