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THE EU INTEGRATED POLITICAL CRISIS RESPONSE ARRANGEMENTS

IPCR Working Level Roundtable COVID-19 Operational Conclusions - 22 February 2021

1. Enhancing coordination

- 1.1. The Presidency will continue to regularly monitor the impact of the pandemic on seafarers and aircrews;
- 1.2. Following the assessment of the situation of countries listed in Annex I of the Council Recommendation 2020/912 on the basis of updated data and information from the ECDC and EEAS, the Presidency will propose to Coreper to keep the list unchanged;
- 1.3. Member States were urged to ensure coherence in the measures applied to travel within the EU in line with Council Recommendation 1475/2020 as amended, in order to protect the integrity of the Single Market and the movement of essential goods, services and cross border workers as well as people in transit across the Schengen area in line with the Green Lanes principle;
- 1.4. In this regard, the Presidency and Commission highlighted the importance of timely bilateral cooperation and coordination between Member States, in order to mitigate the negative impacts and domino effects of such measures;
- 1.5. Furthermore, Member States were also urged to closely align measures regarding non-essential travel from third countries with the provisions agreed in Council Recommendation 2020/912 as amended;
- 1.6. In view of the European Council of 25 February, the Presidency invited the Commission to provide a written update on the implementation of the abovementioned Council Recommendations and the state of operation of the Green Lanes system;
- 1.7. In view of the next IPCR Roundtable, Member States are invited to send written comments to the Presidency and the IPCR Secretariat on the Commission's non-paper of 18 February on an *EU Vaccine Sharing Mechanism* by 24 February, close of business.

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