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Overview of the implementation of European Council conclusions
in advance of the European Council meeting on 10-11 December 2020

This document, drawn up under the responsibility of the Council Secretariat, with input from the Presidency, the Commission and the EEAS, reviews the state of implementation of previous European Council conclusions, focusing mainly on the items which are expected to be discussed at the forthcoming European Council meeting. It is submitted to delegations ahead of the GAC meeting which will prepare the December European Council.

1. COVID-19

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the EU has played a coordinating role in Member States' responses to the pandemic, encouraging the sharing of information and experience, and the alignment of response measures while respecting national competences. The EU has sought to limit restrictions on intra-EU free movement of persons, goods and services, launched joint procurement initiatives, and directly bought personal protective equipment, medical equipment and treatments, created a strategic stock of medical equipment for use by Member States in cases of shortages, and has signed advance purchase agreements for vaccines. The work on EU coordination has been carried out in video conferences of members of the European Council and among their close collaborators, in COREPER and in Integrated Political Crisis Response (IPCR) roundtables, as well as in other Council working parties and in the Health Security Committee.

On 1 December the Presidency, in cooperation with the Cabinet of the President of the European Council, issued a progress report on EU coordination in response to the pandemic (ST 13551/20).

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