



THE EU INTEGRATED POLITICAL CRISIS RESPONSE ARRANGEMENTS

IPCR Working Level Roundtable COVID-19 Operational Conclusions - 18 January 2021

1. Enhancing coordination on internal measures

- 1.1. The Presidency will continue work to ensure coordination on measures to limit the spread of COVID-19 variants observed in the UK, South Africa, Brazil and any possible new variants, and will report to Coreper at the appropriate moment;
- 1.2. The Presidency supported the Health Security Committee chair's request and invited Member States to provide information on sequencing data of COVID-19 cases, vaccine strategies and mitigation efforts.
- 1.3. Participants took note of the HSC recommendations on isolation for COVID-19 patients and quarantine for contacts and travellers. The Presidency will submit the document to Coreper for information.
- 1.4. The Presidency invited the Commission to continue to work on the development of proof of vaccination at European level with a view to a coordinated step-by-step approach, including on a common minimum data set and interoperability for medical purposes. The Presidency will report back to Coreper at the appropriate moment.
- 1.5. There was broad support for the Presidency's compromise text on the draft Council recommendation on a common framework for the use, validation and mutual recognition of COVID-19 rapid antigen tests in the EU. The Presidency will inform the Antici Group of the outcome of the discussion and submit this point to the agenda of Coreper on 20 January for approval and subsequent submission to the Council for adoption.

