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THE EU INTEGRATED POLITICAL CRISIS RESPONSE ARRANGEMENTS

IPCR Working Level Roundtable COVID-19 Operational Conclusions - 8 February 2021

1. Enhancing coordination on internal measures

- 1.1. The IPCR was briefed on the report "Communication regarding COVID-19 vaccination - options for further coordination" prepared by the Working Party on Information, and the Presidency will submit it to the attention of Coreper as an Item on Wednesday 10 February 2021. The Presidency encourages Member States and institutional actors to consider following the steps proposed in the report;
- 1.2. The Presidency welcomes the work being done at the Health Security Committee on the operationalisation of the *Council Recommendation on a common framework for the use and validation of rapid antigen tests and the mutual recognition of COVID-19 test results in the EU*, namely the work towards a common list of Rapid Antigen Tests and on a standard set of data to be included in test certificates. The IPCR will continue to keep abreast of developments and will report to Coreper at appropriate time;
- 1.3. The Presidency also welcomes the work being done by the Commission in order to achieve a standardised and interoperable form of proof of vaccination for medical purposes. The Presidency urges Member States to work towards a common position in the HSC and will revert to this discussion at a future meeting of IPCR;
- 1.4. The Presidency will reflect on the exchange on a potential EU medical certificate to attest the full recovery of COVID-19 and will inform participants on next steps in due course;
- 1.5. 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;
- 1.6. France raised the issue of an OECD initiative regarding test certificates, requesting the Presidency to work on a consolidated EU position.

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