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IPCR Working Level Roundtable COVID-19 Operational Conclusions - 15 February 2021

1. Enhancing coordination on internal measures

- 1.1. The Presidency encouraged Member States to use the possibility offered by ECDC to increase their sequencing capacity in the short term. The Commission was duly invited to clarify the support it intends to provide to Member States in this respect. Discussions and exchanging experiences on sequencing capacity and strategies will continue to take place regularly in an IPCR context.
- 1.2. The Presidency supported the work by the HSC on the operationalisation of the Council Recommendation on a common framework for the use and validation of rapid antigen tests and mutual recognition of COVID-19 test results in the EU. Once the HSC document on a common list of rapid antigen tests and a standard set of data for test result certificates has been finalised, the document will be submitted to Coreper for information.
- 1.3. The Presidency welcomed the work underway in the HSC on the possibility of having an EU certificate of recovery from COVID-19.
- 1.4. A number of Member States and the Commission raised strong concerns about the introduction of new border measures and the negative impact on the functioning of Green Lanes. The Presidency will consider how to address this issue further.

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