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**'I' ITEM NOTE**

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From: Presidency  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)

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Subject: Organisation of work in the Council - Establishment and mandate of an Ad hoc Working Party on the proposals for a Digital Green Certificate  
- Approval

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1. On 17 March 2021, the Commission submitted the following proposals:
  - Regulation on a framework for the issuance, verification and acceptance of interoperable certificates on vaccination, testing and recovery to facilitate free movement during the COVID-19 pandemic (“Digital Green Certificate”);
  - Regulation on a framework for the issuance, verification and acceptance of interoperable certificates on vaccination, testing and recovery to third-country nationals legally staying or legally residing in the territories of Member States during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Both proposals are subject to the ordinary legislative procedure.

2. The Presidency considers that work on both legislative proposals needs to be taken forward urgently in an efficient and coherent manner, whilst drawing on all available expertise.
3. To this end, the Presidency suggests setting up, in accordance with Article 19(3) of the Rules of Procedure of the Council, an Ad hoc Working Party on the proposals for a Digital Green Certificate whose mandate is set out in Annex to this note.
4. In view of the above, Coreper is invited to approve:
  - the establishment of the Ad hoc Working Party on the proposals for a Digital Green Certificate,
  - the mandate as set out in Annex to this note.

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**Ad hoc Working Party on the proposals for a Digital Green Certificate**

**Mandate**

1. An Ad hoc Working Party will assist COREPER and the (General Affairs) Council on the examination and negotiation of the following legal acts:
  - Commission proposal for a Regulation on a framework for the issuance, verification and acceptance of interoperable certificates on vaccination, testing and recovery to facilitate free movement during the COVID-19 pandemic (“Digital Green Certificate”);
  - Commission proposal for a Regulation on a framework for the issuance, verification and acceptance of interoperable certificates on vaccination, testing and recovery to third-country nationals legally staying or legally residing in the territories of Member States during the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. This Ad hoc Working Party will cease to exist upon the adoption of the legal acts referred to in point 1.
3. The Ad hoc Working Party will be chaired by the Member State which holds the Presidency of the (General Affairs) Council.

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