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From: Presidency

To: Delegations

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Subject: Note from the Presidency on the follow up to the negotiations on the EU readmission agreements

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In April 2022 the Commission presented a non-paper on a Strategic Approach on the Readmission Agreements and Arrangements with a view to assess the efficiency of existing EU agreements/arrangements, unblock stalled negotiations, possibly by coming back to the negotiating mandates and to identify possible new third countries to open formal readmission negotiations with.

The non-paper was presented and discussed during the Integration, Migration and Expulsion (IMEX Expulsion)-working party meeting on 4 May 2022. This discussion was followed by two JHA counsellors' meetings in June 2022, focusing on four countries: **DELETED** On May 22 the issue was also at the agenda for the SCIFA meeting.

The French Presidency proposed to reassess the state of play of each negotiation within a year. On this occasion, at the forthcoming IMEX Expulsion meeting on 6 June the Commission will be invited to give an update on the state of play. Following this update, delegations will be invited to exchange their views on the following questions:

- *How do you assess your current readmission cooperation with **DELETED**?*
  - *Are there any bilateral initiatives in place to improve readmission cooperation with these countries (eg. programs, negotiations on working arrangements, high level visits/contacts)?*
  - *What other tools and policy areas could be used as leverage, especially as positive leverage, at the EU and national level, to improve readmission cooperation with the above mentioned third countries?*
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