



THE EU INTEGRATED POLITICAL CRISIS RESPONSE ARRANGEMENTS

Operational Conclusions - IPCR Roundtable 25 March 2020

COVID-19

1. **Speed up delivery** of medical equipment

- 1.1. Commission to communicate precise **dates when supplies** secured through joint procurement exercises and rescEU **are expected to be made available** to member states
- 1.2. Member States to ensure fast tracking of any required procedures on their side for delivery and reception of equipment (Min Health, Crisis Centres)
- 1.3. Commission to provide more concrete **assessment** on the degree to which procurement exercises will **diminish current and foreseen shortages** per item of equipment needed
- 1.4. Commission to inform on production capacity and associated timeframes
- 1.5. Member States to **share information on alternative means** being used or explored **to fill gaps in medical supplies and equipment**

2. Increase **repatriation of stranded citizens**

- 2.1. **Commission to put forward an addendum to the border management guidelines** to facilitate **transit arrangements for repatriated EU citizens**
- 2.2. **Member States to facilitate transit arrangements for repatriated EU citizens within the EU**
- 2.3. Member States to **urgently comply with Commission COVID-19 guidelines on border management**, to support the transit of repatriated EU citizens within the EU, and movement of critical supplies
- 2.4. EEAS to **share up-to-date overview information of repatriation data** (number of citizens repatriated/stranded, flights organized, "hot spots", etc.). First version will be shared today via Antici network.
- 2.5. Member States to continue working with Commission (ECHO) and EEAS Task Force to **ensure repatriation flights are used optimally, maximizing solidarity for all EU citizens**

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- 2.6. Member States to **coordinate travel notices and advice**
- 2.7. Member States together with High Representative/EEAS working with third countries to **ensure airspace and transit hubs remain open**
- 2.8. Member States with Commission to seek **further incentives to ensure commercial flights continue to operate**
- 2.9. Commission to send still today a short information note **summarizing modalities that Commission will apply for optimal use of repatriation flights and co-financing rates, and on how to ensure speedy results including through increasing the budgetary resources** in relation to the Union Civil Protection Mechanism

3. **Art 222 TFEU**

- 3.1. Council to look at it very carefully
- 3.2. Council Legal Service and Commission to analyse if other legal bases can help fast and more targeted exceptional action