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Commission work programme 2023: A Union standing firm and united

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SUBJECT MATTER

“A Union standing firm and united”

1. On 18 October 2022, the European Commission adopted its 2023 work programme (CWP), entitled ‘A Union Standing Firm and United’. It outlined the Commission’s policy initiatives for next year, and outlined how it would achieve the six headline ambitions in Commission President von der Leyen’s Political Guidelines outlined at the start of her mandate.
2. The 2023 CWP framed the EU’s headline ambitions within the context of global challenges: in Ukraine, on energy, on the environment, and the fall-out of these developments on the global economy.
3. The Work Programme informed the public and co-legislators of the EU’s political commitments to present new initiatives, withdraw pending proposals and review existing EU legislation. It contained 43 new policy initiatives, eight suggestions to simplify regulation, and 116 pending “priority proposals” for legislation. The CWP did not cover the Commission’s role, enforcing existing legislation, or the lower profile initiatives the Commission adopts yearly.
4. The six headline ambitions of this year’s CWP are consistent with its predecessor and are summarised below, including key initiatives of interest to HMG. The titles are the EU’s.

“The European Green Deal”

5. The CWP noted the primacy of the Green Deal in a world faced with increasingly severe environmental crises. The core Fit for 55 package from the 2021 CWP remains crucial to the EU's objectives.
6. In addition, this year's CWP introduced a range of supporting proposals, including:
 - i. Reforms to the EU's electricity market, indicative of the international shift from Russian hydrocarbons and to ensure stable energy markets and prices;
 - ii. The creation of a new European Hydrogen Bank and corresponding subsidies. The bank would invest €3 billion in guaranteeing hydrogen demand to help build a future market for hydrogen.
 - iii. A plan to strengthen its animal welfare proposals, including phasing out cages in animal farming.
 - iv. Targeted revision of the legislation on the registration, evaluation and authorisation of chemicals (REACH).
 - v. Proposals on nature restoration including calling for binding targets to restore degraded ecosystems (especially those with the potential to capture and store carbon) and to prevent/reduce the impact of natural disasters.
 - vi. Proposals on sustainable transport, targeting different transport sectors to increase climate sustainability.

"A Europe fit for the digital age"

7. This headline focused on access to digital solutions and the need for alignment of the digital and green transitions, including in the context of supply chains. In this vein:
 - i. The CWP's proposed "Chips Act" seeks to bolster the EU's security of supply for semiconductor microchips (in the context of severe global shortages in the past two years).
 - ii. The CWP sought to strengthen the EU's access to critical raw materials by increasing understanding of which materials could be considered particularly strategic for the EU's defence needs, of economic importance, or subject to forecasted supply gaps.
 - iii. The EU is undertaking a review of standard essential patents (SEPs), patents that protect technology that is essential to implementing a standard, to create a stable regulatory environment for EU business and an efficient licensing framework for SEPs.
 - iv. Spectrum management will be updated (expected in 2023), further to the 2012 programme which oversaw the move from analogue to digital broadcasting, identifying spectrum for mobile 4G coverage across the EU and making use of the freed TV spectrum space for wireless communication.

"An economy that works for people"

8. Key economic initiatives proposed include:
 - i. Improving working conditions in platform work (an employment method by which employers match the demand and supply of paid work through an online platform using an algorithm – e.g. Uber).
 - ii. Single application for a single permit for third-country nationals to reside and work in the territory of a MS and a common set of rights for third-country workers legally residing in a Member State (MS).

- iii. Strengthening the application of the principle of equal pay for equal work through pay transparency and enforcement mechanisms.
- iv. European Year of Skills 2023, including proposals to upskill business and individuals for jobs in a green and digital economy, as well as objectives for increased adult participation in formal learning.
- v. A proposal to consider and outline the principles which might underpin a digital Euro.

A stronger Europe in the world

9. The CWP noted the importance of its defence of the rules-based international order anticipating an era of increased global rivalry, as well as the importance of its response to Russian aggression in Ukraine. The CWP aimed to increase the EU's resilience in terms of both security as well as supply chains, in addition to its crisis response infrastructure. Key initiatives include:
- i. A joint communication on an EU space strategy for security and defence.
 - ii. A joint communication on a New Agenda for Latin America and the Caribbean.
 - iii. A joint communication on the update of the EU maritime security strategy.
 - iv. Setting a sanctions framework targeting corruption.

"Promoting our European way of life"

10. The CWP set out the EU's intention to continue progressing proposals which ensure a robust framework for migration and asylum.
11. A more comprehensive Schengen Borders Code package is proposed as necessary to ensure a strong and resilient Schengen area without internal border controls. This is accompanied by initiatives aiming to modernise management of the EU's external borders, including by digitising travel documents.
12. The EU is also proposing to update the current learning mobility framework to enable students to study and undertake apprenticeships or training in other EU countries.
13. Other initiatives include:
- i. Recognition of qualifications of third-country nationals, as part of a wider agenda aiming to make it simpler to live, work, study and operate across the EU. This is framed as part of a new skills and talent package.
 - ii. Strengthening cross-border police cooperation, including Prüm II on automated data exchange, to determine how EU Member States exchange biometrics and associated policing data.
 - iii. Proposals building on the EU's strategy to fight child sexual abuse.

"A new push for European democracy"

14. The CWP noted the EU's commitment to democratic values and institutions, the rule of law, equality, and fighting discrimination. The Commission's initiatives look to bolster these values and argues that they are under increasing pressure. Its European Media Freedom Act looks to safeguard media freedom and pluralism. In addition, in 2023 it will put forward initiatives to fight corruption and a 'defence of democracy package' to promote free and fair elections and fight disinformation within the EU.

SCRUTINY HISTORY

15. The Commission's 2022 Work Programme was subject to scrutiny as EU document 13003/21, COM(2021)645. FCDO submitted an EM dated 30 November 2021. The House of Commons European Scrutiny Committee reported that the document raised issues of political importance and completed their consideration of the document on 9 March 2022 (Report 19, 21/22). The House of Lords European Affairs Committee wrote to the Minister for Europe on 10 November 2022 to record completion of scrutiny of the CWP.

MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITY

16. The Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs has central responsibility for relations with the European Union. Individual Ministers from other government departments are responsible for the Government's consideration of specific initiatives proposed in the Work Programme in their respective policy areas.

INTEREST OF THE DEVOLVED ADMINISTRATIONS

17. The devolved administrations have been consulted on this EM and will continue to be consulted by departments as appropriate where EU legislation may impact on or be applicable in the UK.

LEGAL AND PROCEDURAL ISSUES

18. **Legal Base:** Article 17 TEU and the Inter-institutional agreement on Better Law-making 2016 (IIA). Article 17 TEU sets out the role and conditions under which the European Commission operates, including entrusting the European Commission with the task of initiating annual and multiannual programming. The IIA sets out the agreement between the Council, European Parliament and the Commission recognising their 'joint responsibility in delivering high-quality Union legislation and in ensuring that such legislation focuses on areas where it has the greatest added value for European citizens, is as efficient and effective as possible in delivering the common policy objectives of the Union'. This is not a legislative proposal, but is an overview of the Commission's legislative agenda for 2023.
19. **Voting Procedure:** This is not a legislative proposal so the Council has no role in its adoption.
20. **Timetable for adoption and implementation:** The Commission will begin discussions with the European Parliament and Council shortly to establish a list of joint legislative priorities on which co-legislators agree to take action.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

21. On 31 January 2020 the United Kingdom left the European Union and so the legislative initiatives derived from the 2023 CWP are not applicable to the UK, unless they continue to apply to Northern Ireland under the provisions of the Northern Ireland Protocol.
22. The CWP's programme of policy and legislation is also of interest to the UK as we develop our relations with the EU as a third country and in the same way that agenda of other allies is significant. Any discussion with the EU on the CWP policy programme would be underpinned by friendly cooperation between sovereign equals.

23. Whilst the implications of individual policy proposals will be assessed by HMG on a case-by-case basis as the Commission develops them, and are liable to change as usual during that process, there are thematic areas of interest to the UK:

Climate and Environment

24. The CWP underlined the importance of the EU's Green Deal and further work to tackle environmental issues. The EU's approach to climate is obviously of interest to the EU, and the UK shares that focus, which is supported by ambitious targets. The UK and EU continue to engage on this, including on Emissions Trading Scheme developments and wider international cooperation, for example through the TCA's Level Playing Field (LPF) Trade Specialised Committee.
25. HMG is working to support the international shift from Russian hydrocarbons and ensure stable energy markets and prices. The EU's proposed reforms to its electricity market have similar aims. The EU has more direct exposure to the Russian market but of course it has a knock-on impact on the UK and we have been working closely with the EU on support for Eastern Member States (and other neighbours) given our strategic interest in ending reliance on Russia. HMG expects to have constructive discussions with the EU on this agenda and will monitor and engage with their proposals as they develop.
26. The EU's hydrogen/energy subsidies are of interest to HMG – and have been evolving in the period since the CWP was published. We monitor these developments within the context of the war in Ukraine and the current energy situation to ensure they comply with the TCA and do not negatively impact trade and investment between the UK and the EU. The CWP's proposals on hydrogen-specific subsidies, and its Hydrogen Bank, remain at a very early stage, and HMG will pay close attention to proposals as they develop.
27. The CWP's proposals on EU REACH regulations do not apply to the UK, although may have implications for Northern Ireland, where EU REACH still applies under the NI Protocol. Defra is exploring an Alternative Transitional Registration model for GB (which may eventually extend to NI if the Protocol is changed accordingly). This will aim to reduce the cost to business of transitioning from EU REACH to UK REACH while ensuring high levels of human health and environment protections. The UK and EU continue to exchange views on chemicals regulatory developments including through the Specialised Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade.
28. As a member of the High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People, the UK is working to protect at least 30% of the planet's land and ocean by 2030. The UK is working to understand the domestic implications of the forthcoming Global Biodiversity Framework in the same way as the EU, ahead of the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP15) in Montreal. Furthermore, both the UK and the EU share a desire to collaborate on animal welfare, and have agreed to hold technical discussions in addition to the discussions held in the TCA's Specialised Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) measures.

Digital Services and Data

29. The CWP contained significant proposals for digital services and data. The UK has a fast-developing data and digital services sector. HMG is committed to securing the

enormous potential the digital and tech sectors can bring to the UK and is working to deliver world-class digital infrastructure, cement the UK's competitive advantage in emerging technologies, and support companies to thrive through a clear regulatory framework. HMG will assess CWP proposals in light of this objective.

30. The CWP's proposal on critical minerals is at an early stage. Future policy implications at this stage, therefore, remain unclear; however, we must consider any effects on supply chains or UK access to critical raw materials as it develops. HMG is closely following EU files intended to strengthen supply chains during times of crisis (Chips Act, Single Market Emergency Instrument), including through the TCA's Trade Specialised Committees.
31. HMG will continue to work with EU partners to understand any impact on UK businesses on Standard Essential Patents (SEPs) as more detail becomes available. HMG is undertaking its own review of SEPs. SEP licensing matters are global in nature and the UK Intellectual Property Office is informally engaging the Commission, along with other international partners including the US, Canada, and Japan.
32. Any co-ordinated / harmonised identification of spectrum bands for specific applications or licensing approaches will affect UK decisions concerning spectrum management. Effects could include difficulty in the availability of equipment. HMG will continue to engage with the Commission where appropriate.

Foreign Policy and Development

33. The UK works with the EU on foreign policy and development issues where it is in our interest to do so, across a range of shared foreign policy and development priorities. In particular, the UK and the EU are working closely to coordinate our support to Ukraine, including on funding for military training and equipment, cyber resilience, and humanitarian and economic assistance, alongside work on sanctions, energy resilience and countering Russian disinformation. Our coordination on sanctions, including through the G7, is having real impact and has led to a ban on imports of Russian oil and gold as well as cutting many Russian banks off from the SWIFT banking system
34. The UK is aligned with the EU in efforts to defend democracy by countering disinformation, promoting free and fair elections, and supporting media freedom and pluralism including through the Media Freedom Coalition. The FCDO has established a new Information, Threats and Influence Directorate, which aims to counter and undermine Russian propaganda.

Economy, Trade, and Competitiveness

35. The EU proposal for a 'digital Euro' is a direct parallel to the UK's work on a potential digital currency, denominated in sterling. HMT and the Bank of England are collaborating to explore the case for and design of a digital currency. The Bank of England maintains regular contact with counterparts in the ECB and other central banks to monitor progress and to share lessons learned.
36. The CWP's proposals considering recognition of third-country qualifications may have an impact on UK qualification holders. The CWP does not indicate if the initiative will be legislative, but we will monitor this file closely.

37. HMG monitors subsidies identified in the CWP closely to ensure they comply with TCA obligations, and to identify impacts on the UK. The UK issues subsidies in many of the same areas as the EU, including the energy sector. The LPF chapter of the TCA committed both Parties to follow specific rules in granting subsidies, including ensuring that subsidies do not have a distortive impact on trade and investment.

Justice and Home Affairs

38. EU changes to EES (Entry/Exit System: the EU's automated system for registering travellers from third-countries) and ETIAS (European Travel Information and Authorisation System: the EU's electronic authorisation system for visitors exempt from visas travelling to the EU or Schengen Area) for third-country nationals will affect UK nationals. The UK will work with European partners to ensure that UK nationals are aware of these planned changes. The UK is also taking steps to increase digitisation at the UK border. This includes digitising our immigration records, issuing e-visas rather than physical vignettes and Biometric Residents Permits, in addition to the introduction of Electronic Travel Authorisations (similar to the EU's planned ETIAS system) which will be used to increasingly automate passenger clearances at the UK Border.
39. We are unlikely to seek to influence the EU's update to youth mobility, as it relates to EU-internal mobility arrangements. HMG continues to be open to youth mobility arrangements with international partners where they are in the UK's interest.
40. The CWP's proposals on migration/asylum and the SBC align with our "whole of route" approach and HMG continues to work with the EU and its Member States to ensure migration is better managed, productive and safe. The UK has welcomed the EU's Pact on Migration and Asylum and remains committed to tackling the organised crime groups that exploit vulnerable people, resulting in an increase of dangerous journeys across the Channel. HMG remains committed to working with European and international partners to increase cooperation on this challenging and multifaceted issue.
41. Once adopted, and assuming it remains unchanged through trilogue with the European Parliament, we expect Prüm II will necessitate changes to the TCA provisions governing data exchange for police cooperation. Article 541 of the TCA provides for a nine-month consultation process from the moment of notification to agree the necessary changes. HMG is engaging with the EU on this initiative as it develops.
42. HMG is closely monitoring developments in EU efforts to combat child sexual abuse, as it is relevant to the UK's Online Safety Bill, which also prioritises the protection of children online.

CONSULTATION

43. Where proposals continue to apply to the UK, or have continuing impact on the UK, the Government will consult stakeholders as appropriate.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

44. Where proposals continue to apply to the UK or have continuing impact on the UK the financial implications will be assessed as appropriate.

MINISTERIAL NAME AND SIGNATURE

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Annex: List of Priority Pending Proposals and Proposals for Withdrawal in the CWP that have been submitted for examination by the EU Scrutiny Committees

Annex III: Priority Pending Proposals that remain under scrutiny			
Proposal	Lords European Affairs Committee	Commons European Scrutiny Committee	Comments
European Green Deal			
8048/22, COM(22)151: Proposal for a Regulation of the European parliament and of the Council on substances that deplete the ozone layer and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1005/2009	Retained under scrutiny	Scrutiny complete	

8042/22, COM(22)150: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on fluorinated greenhouse gases, amending Directive (EU) 2019/1937 and repealing Regulation (EU) No 517/2014	Retained under scrutiny	Retained under scrutiny	
7799/22, COM(22)144: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down harmonised conditions for the marketing of construction products, amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 and repealing Regulation (EU) 305/2011	Retained under scrutiny	Retained under scrutiny	
7854/22, COM(22)142: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for setting ecodesign requirements for sustainable products and repealing Directive 2009/125/EC	Retained under scrutiny	Retained under scrutiny	

<p>7639/22, COM(22)134: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on European Union geographical indications for wine, spirit drinks and agricultural products, and quality schemes for agricultural products, amending Regulations (EU) No 1308/2013, (EU) 2017/1001 and (EU) 2019/787 and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012</p>	<p>Scrutiny complete</p>	<p>Scrutiny complete</p>	
<p>14135/21, COM(22)709: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on shipments of waste and amending Regulations (EU) No 1257/2013 and (EU) No 2020/1056</p>	<p>Retained under scrutiny</p>	<p>Retained under scrutiny</p>	
<p>10875/21, COM(21)551: Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2003/87/EC establishing a system for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Union, Decision (EU) 2015/1814 concerning the establishment and operation of a market stability reserve for the Union greenhouse gas emission trading scheme and Regulation (EU) 2015/757</p>	<p>Retained under scrutiny</p>	<p>Retained under scrutiny</p>	

10871/21, COM(21)564: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a carbon border adjustment mechanism:	Retained under scrutiny	Retained under scrutiny	
10872/21, COM(21)563: Proposal for a Council Directive restructuring the Union framework for the taxation of energy products and electricity (recast)	Retained under scrutiny	Retained under scrutiny	
12184/21, COM(21)579: Proposal for a Regulation of the European parliament and of the Council on applying a generalised scheme of tariff preferences and repealing Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council	Retained under scrutiny	Retained under scrutiny	
9317/18, COM(18)368: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Council and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009, and amending Council Regulations (EC) No 768/2005, (EC) No 1967/2006, (EC) No 1005/2008, and Regulation (EU) No 2016/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards fisheries control	Scrutiny complete	Retained under scrutiny	Pre-EU exit legacy scrutiny
7615/13, COM(13)130: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of	Scrutiny completed	Scrutiny completed	Pre-EU exit legacy scrutiny

the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 261/2004 establishing common rules on compensation and assistance to passengers in the event of denied boarding and of cancellation or long delay of flights and Regulation (EC) No 2027/97 on air carrier liability in respect of the carriage of passengers and their baggage by air			
Europe fit for the Digital Age			
13134/22, COM(22)495: Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on liability for defective products	Not yet considered	Not yet considered	
12573/22, COM(22)459: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Single Market emergency instrument and repealing Council Regulation No (EC) 2679/98	Not yet considered	Not yet considered	
12576/22, COM(22)461: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EU) 2016/424, (EU) 2016/425, (EU) 2016/426, (EU) 2019/1009 and (EU) No 305/2011 as regards emergency procedures for the conformity assessment, adoption of common specifications	Not yet considered	Not yet considered	

and market surveillance due to a Single Market emergency			
12572/22, COM(22)462: Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directives 2000/14/EC, 2006/42/EC, 2010/35/EU, 2013/29/EU, 2014/28/EU, 2014/29/EU, 2014/30/EU, 2014/31/EU, 2014/32/EU, 2014/33/EU, 2014/34/EU, 2014/35/EU, 2014/53/EU and 2014/68/EU as regard emergency procedures for the conformity assessment, adoption of common specifications and market surveillance due to a Single Market emergency	Not yet considered	Note yet considered	
8115/21, COM(21)206: Proposal for a Regulation of the European parliament and of the Council laying down harmonised rules on artificial intelligence (Artificial Intelligence Act) and amending certain Union legislative acts	Retained under scrutiny	Retained under scrutiny	
5358/17, COM(17)10: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the respect for private life and the protection of personal data in electronic communications and repealing Directive 2002/58/EC (Regulation on Privacy and Electronic Communications)	Retained under scrutiny	Retained under scrutiny	Pre-EU exit legacy scrutiny

An Economy that works for People			
COM(21)775: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of the Union and its Member States from economic coercion by third countries	Not considered	Committee has considered in correspondence with the Government	Not deposited for scrutiny with an EM
12184/21, COM(21)579: Proposal for a Regulation of the European parliament and of the Council on applying a generalised scheme of tariff preferences and repealing Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council	Retained under scrutiny	Retained under scrutiny	
15642/16, COM(16)815: Proposal for a Regulation of the Council and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 on the coordination of social security systems and regulation (EC) No 987/2009 laying down the procedure for implementing Regulation (EC) No 883/2004	Scrutiny complete	Scrutiny complete	Pre-EU exit legacy scrutiny
14649/15, COM(15)586: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 806/2014 in order to establish a European Deposit Insurance Scheme	Scrutiny completed	Scrutiny completed	Pre-EU exit legacy scrutiny

European Way of Life			
COM(22)209: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down rules to prevent and combat child sexual abuse	Not considered	Committee has considered in correspondence with the Government	Not deposited for scrutiny with an EM
COM(21)784: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the council on automated data exchange for police cooperation ("Prüm II"), amending Council Decisions 2008/615/JHA and 2008/616/JHA and Regulations (EU) 2018/1726, 2019/817 and 2019/818 of the European Parliament and of the Council	Not considered	Committee has considered in correspondence with the Government	Not deposited for scrutiny with an EM
COM(21)782: Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on information exchange between law enforcement authorities of Member States, repealing Council Framework Decision 2006/960/JHA	Not considered	Committee has considered in correspondence with the Government	Not deposited for scrutiny with an EM
COM(20)614: Amended proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of 'Eurodac' for the comparison of biometric data for the effective application of Regulation (EU) XXX/XXX [Regulation on Asylum and Migration	Scrutiny complete	Scrutiny complete	Pre-EU exit legacy scrutiny

Management] and of Regulation (EU) XXX/XXX [Resettlement Regulation], for identifying an illegally staying third-country national or stateless person and on requests for the comparison with Eurodac data by Member States' law enforcement authorities and Europol for law enforcement purposes and amending Regulations (EU) 2018/1240 and (EU) 2019/818

And

8765/16, CPM(16)272: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of 'Eurodac' for the comparison of fingerprints for the effective application of [Regulation (EU) No 604/2013 establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an application for international protection lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national or a stateless person] , for identifying an illegally staying third-country national or stateless person and on requests for the comparison with Eurodac data by Member States' law enforcement authorities and Europol for law enforcement purposes (recast)

COM(20)613: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council addressing situations of crisis and force majeure in the field of migration and asylum	Scrutiny complete	Scrutiny complete	Pre-EU exit legacy scrutiny
COM(20)612: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council introducing a screening of third-country nationals at the external borders and amending Regulations (EC) No 767/2008, (EU) 2017/2226, (EU) 2018/1240 and (EU) 2019/817	Scrutiny complete	Scrutiny complete	Pre-EU exit legacy scrutiny
COM(20)829: Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the resilience of critical entities	Scrutiny complete	Retained under scrutiny	Pre-EU Exit legacy scrutiny
COM(20)611: Amended proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a common procedure for international protection in the Union and repealing Directive 2013/32/EU And 11317/16, COM(16)447: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and	Scrutiny complete	Scrutiny complete	Pre-EU exit legacy scrutiny

Council, establishing a common procedure for international protection in the Union and repealing Directive 2013/32/EU			
COM(20)610: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on asylum and migration management and amending Council Directive (EC) 2003/109 and the proposed Regulation (EU) XXX/XXX [Asylum and Migration Fund]	Scrutiny complete	Scrutiny complete	Pre-EU exit legacy scrutiny
12099/18, COM(18)634: Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on common standards and procedures in Member States for returning illegally staying third-country nationals	Scrutiny complete	Scrutiny complete	Pre-EU exit legacy scrutiny
11313/16, COM(16)468: Proposal for a Regulation of the EO and of the Council establishing a Union Resettlement Framework and amending Regulation (EU) No 516/2014 of the EP and Council	Scrutiny complete	Scrutiny complete	Pre-EU exit legacy scrutiny
11316/16, COM(16)466: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on standards for the qualification of third-country nationals or stateless persons as beneficiaries of international protection, for a	Scrutiny complete	Scrutiny complete	Pre-EU exit legacy scrutiny

uniform status for refugees or for persons eligible for subsidiary protection and for the content of the protection granted and amending Council Directive 2003/109/EC of 25 November 2003 concerning the status of third-country nationals who are long-term residents.			
11318/16, COM(16)465: Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down standards for the reception of applicants for international protection (recast)	Scrutiny complete	Scrutiny complete	Pre-EU exit legacy scrutiny
European Democracy			
10381/21, COM(21)346: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on general product safety, amending Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Council Directive 87/357/EEC and Directive 2001/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council	Retained under scrutiny	Retained under scrutiny	
6750/21, COM(21)93: Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council to strengthen the application of the principle of equal pay for equal work or work of equal value	Not considered	Committee has considered in correspondence with the Government	Not deposited for scrutiny with an EM

between men and women through pay transparency and enforcement mechanisms			
8115/18, COM(18)226: Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the council laying down harmonised rules on the appointment of legal representatives for the purpose of gathering evidence in criminal proceedings	Scrutiny complete	Scrutiny complete	Pre-EU exit legacy scrutiny
8110/18, COM(18)225: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on European Production and Preservation Orders for electronic evidence in criminal matters	Scrutiny complete	Scrutiny complete	Pre-EU exit legacy scrutiny
7222/18, COM(18)96: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the law applicable to the third-party effects of assignments of claims	Scrutiny complete	Scrutiny complete	Pre-EU exit legacy scrutiny
11531/08, COM(08)426: Proposal for a Council Directive on implementing the principle of equal treatment between persons irrespective of religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation.	Scrutiny complete	Scrutiny complete	Pre-EU exit legacy scrutiny

Annex IV: Proposals Pending Withdrawal			
10347/19, COM(19)208: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 715/2007 on type approval of motor vehicles with respect to emissions from light passenger and commercial vehicles (Euro 5 and Euro 6) and on access to vehicle repair and maintenance information	Scrutiny complete	Scrutiny complete	Pre-EU Exit legacy scrutiny