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**Subject:** Meeting with Ms Wegge, SPD Member of the Bundestag, Brussels, 7 November 2022

On 7 November 2022, [REDACTED] and myself met Ms Carmen Wegge, SPD Member of the Bundestag, in charge of the questions on legalizing Cannabis, accompanied by [REDACTED] and another colleague from the SPD Liaison Office in Brussels. The meeting was originally requested for the German Federal Government Commissioner for Addiction and Drug Issues, Burkhard Blienert, to discuss the German ideas for cannabis legalisation; however Mr Blienert did not join, being probably busy in other contacts/meetings in Brussels.

During the meeting, Ms Wegge indicated that the German authorities are waiting for the position of the Commission on the “Key issues paper” shared on 26 October and would proceed for a formal notification of the draft legislation only afterwards. She pointed out that Germany would adapt its plan, notably towards a decriminalisation only option, in case the Commission would issue comments on the current proposal. While appreciating the transparent approach, we explained that the Commission does not comment on draft legislation.

Regarding the preparatory work carried out by Germany, she referred to the situation in the country (10% of adults are consuming cannabis), the hearings organised by the authorities, and concluded that there is a need to change the current approach in order to ensure more prevention measures, allocate more resources, to protect youth, ensure quality, etc. The experience of other countries with similar initiatives has been taken fully into account in developing the German proposal and Germany is in contact with other countries of the EU interested in the matter.

Ms Wegge recalled also the main elements of the proposal stressing that in some points the federal legislation could be made stricter by the Länders (she gave the example of areas where shops selling cannabis could not be opened) and that the authorities would carry out strong awareness raising campaigns.

Finally, Ms Wegge enquired whether the Commission intends to revise Council Framework Decision 2004/757 on trafficking of drugs; we indicated that this is not currently foreseen in the work program of the Commission and that, if so decided, it would require a through impact assessment that would take at least 18 months and probably more. Large consultations would also be needed. Moreover, the Commission is now at mid-term and launching a new proposal in this area does not seem realistic.

*(With many thanks to [REDACTED] for having prepared the report).*

Kind regards



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