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Dear Colleagues,

On 16 November 2022, Ms Pariat met Mr Klaus Holetschek, the Bavarian Minister of Health and Care, to discuss the German initiative to legalise cannabis. Mr Holetschek wanted to see whether the Commission is assessing the “Key issues paper”, what is its position, and what is the timeframe for a possible opinion. He also aimed at highlighting that there are disagreeing positions in Germany regarding the initiative of the Federal Government. He also insisted on the health impact of the initiative and that it should not be seen as a priority in light of other policy urgencies in Germany.

Ms Pariat acknowledged the discussion in Germany but pointed to the need for evidence on the impact of liberalisation and indicated that COM asked EMCDDA to work on the matter. She also indicated that the revision of the EU acquis regarding cannabis is not on the table for the moment and could not be accomplished during the term of this Commission; in any case, we would have to carry out a thorough impact assessment before proposing anything. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Finally, Ms Pariat pointed out that if there is a keen interest of MS, they could initiate the revision of the acquis on the basis of Article 76 TEU (one quarter of the MS needed) although she sees little chances it could be agreed in Council and EP.

Best regards,

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