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## Health Security Committee

### Summary

### **Outbreak of acute respiratory syndrome associated with a novel coronavirus (COVID-19)**

**Chair:** Wolfgang Philipp, SANTE C3

**Audio participants:** AT; BE; BG; CZ; DE; ES; FI; FR; EE; HR; HU; IE; IS; IT; LT; LU; LV; MT; NL; NO; PT; SE; SI; SK; DG SANTE; DG DEVCO; DG RTD; DG ECHO; DG HR MS, Council; ECDC; EMA; EASA; EEAS; WHO Euro; UK participant attending the agenda point of the meeting

### **Key Conclusions**

1. Situation Update: ECDC provided members of the Health Security Committee an update of the rapid risk assessment, to be published shortly. ECDC is working on the review of areas with presumed ongoing community transmission and case definition.
2. Operational follow up to the extraordinary Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council (EPSCO) meeting of 13 February: DG SANTE noted that the Ministers adopted Council Conclusions on COVID-19, welcoming the effective EU response to the threat of a possible pandemic outbreak, and calling for increased cooperation at both EU and international level. DG SANTE recalled the calls on the Commission and provided an overview of the ongoing work and planned activities in this regard.
3. Coordination of measures: DG SANTE recalled previous discussions in the HSC on measures at points of entry and for which the Council Conclusions calls for coordination. DG SANTE will circulate, amongst the HSC, a revised version of a statement on measures at points of entry, taking into account previous input and alignment with Council Conclusions.