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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on adequate minimum wages in the European Union (first reading) - Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 28 October 2020 the Commission sent its proposal¹, based on Article 153(2), in conjunction with point (b) of Article 153(1) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 24 March 2021².
3. The European Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 19 March 2021³.
4. On 14 September 2022 the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council⁴.

¹ 12477/20 + ADD 1 to 3.

² OJ C 220, 9.6.2021, p. 106–117.

³ OJ C 175, 7.5.2021, p. 89–95.

⁴ 12331/22.

5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 28/22, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with Denmark and Sweden voting against and Hungary abstaining.
6. The statements for the minutes of the Council meeting are set out in the Addendum 1 to this note.
7. If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

After being signed by the Presidents of the European Parliament and of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.
