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STATEMENT BY HUNGARY

Having in mind that globalisation, technological developments and demographic changes create new challenges and opportunities in the labour market as well as in our welfare systems, Hungary supports the objectives of the Recommendation to provide access to adequate social protection to all workers in particular those in non-standard forms of employment and the self-employed. Hungary believes that the priority should be to empower our citizens for these changes, create more jobs and involve all persons capable to work into the labour market and in the same time avoid benefit dependency.

Hungary reminds that the implementation of the Recommendation should be in line with article 153 paragraph (4) TFEU which confirms that '*The provisions adopted pursuant to this Article: shall not affect the right of Member States to define the fundamental principles of their social security systems and must not significantly affect the financial equilibrium thereof, [...]'*'. Hungary underlines the principle of subsidiarity, the division of competences set out in the Treaties as well as differences between Member States' circumstances should also be taken into consideration.

Hungary interprets the Paragraph 11 on adequacy as follows: ensuring adequate level of social protection should always take into account the Hungarian circumstances, national challenges and priorities as well as the entire set of provisions provided by the national social protection system. When considering these efforts budgetary implications should always be taken into account.
