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From: General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject: Joint non-paper on the future of the LGBTI list of actions
Information from the Maltese delegation

Delegations will find attached an information note from the Maltese delegation on the above subject, with a view to the meeting of the EPSCO Council on 6 December 2018 (Any Other Business item).

Joint non-paper on the future of the LGBTI list of actions

To send a clear and strong political statement to the new College of EU Commissioners, the Maltese delegation has drawn up a joint non-paper on the future of the EU Commission's List of Actions to Advance LGBTI Equality.

The aim of this joint non-paper is to continue building on the current momentum gained in recent years in fighting discrimination based on the grounds of gender identity, gender expression, sex characteristics and sexual orientation. The joint non-paper should be regarded as part of a comprehensive strategy to address the marginalisation of the LGBTI community.

The joint non-paper was drafted based on consultations with the participating Member States. Furthermore, Ministers from these Member States were invited by the Maltese delegation to sign a political statement summarising the key points of the said joint non-paper.

The political statement will acknowledge that several Member States have already adopted legislation that seeks to tackle inequality and discrimination on different grounds. It will call on the European Commission and Member States to build on this momentum and address the marginalisation and well-being of LGBTI persons.
