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Delegations will find attached a statement by Bulgaria to be inserted in the minutes of the Council EPSCO.

**Meeting of the Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs
Council,**

Brussels, December 6th

**Agenda point: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the
Council establishing a European Labour Authority (ELA)**

General Approach

STATEMENT BY THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

Bulgaria supports the establishment of a European Labour Authority/Agency and the opportunity through its activities to facilitate access to information for workers, employers and national institutions on rights and obligations in the event of cross-border labour mobility situations; also supports the promotion of coordination between Member States in cross-border enforcement of the Union law. We believe that the establishment of a European Labour Authority/Agency will facilitate communication between Member States' authorities to resolve cross-border disputes between them and facilitate finding solutions in case of labour market disruptions.

However, we would like to express our concern regarding the inclusion of the road transport in the scope of the Regulation, namely: the legislative acts listed in Article 1, Paragraph 3 items g), h) and i).

We also would like to note that joint inspections in the field of road transport currently are carried out by the Bulgarian authorities in cooperation with other Member States within the framework of our membership in other European organizations, such as the Euro Contrôle Route (ECR).

In addition, we believe that the road transport legislation is specific and therefore is currently separated from the employment and social legislation.

We are also concerned about the legal uncertainty that would be created in connection to the discussions on the Mobility Package I, which are still ongoing after the general approach reached at the Transport, Telecommunication and Energy Council meeting on December 3rd 2018 and due to this reason the inclusion of the above legislative acts cannot be considered as a balanced text by definition.
