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Subject: Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing the European Foundation for the improvement of living and working conditions (Eurofound), and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 1365/75 (**first reading**)

- Adoption of the legislative act
- Statement

Statement by Italy

on the proposals for the revisions of the three founding regulations of decentralized agencies:

Eurofound, Cedefop and EU-OSHA

Italy has been among the most active delegations during the negotiations in the Council on the three files and contributed to the achievement of the General Approach in December 2016.

Italy also contributed positively during the course of the trilogues, by showing flexibility towards the requests of the European Parliament, while keeping the spirit of the General Approach in Council.

With the Common Approach of 2012 and the tripartite nature of the three agencies in mind, we have tried to keep the maximum degree of homogeneity among them, in terms of governance and rules.

The appointment of a Deputy Director by the Executive Director for Eurofound and Cedefop - for the first one on a mandatory basis, for the second on a voluntary basis – is not consistent with the strategic role of the Managing Board, which is the Appointing Authority in the three Agencies.

For this reason, without opposing the agreement, we express our deep regret.
