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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Proposal for a COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION on adequate minimum
income ensuring active inclusion
- Adoption

I. INTRODUCTION

On 28 September 2022 the Commission submitted to the Council the proposal for a Council Recommendation on adequate minimum income ensuring active inclusion. On 4 March 2021, the Commission adopted the European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan, which was welcomed by the Union leaders at the Porto Summit on 8 May 2021. The European Council welcomed the EU wide 2030 headline targets of the European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan, in the areas of poverty, employment, as well as in the area of skills. According to the targets, by 2030, the number of people at risk of poverty or social exclusion should be reduced by at least 15 million, including at least 5 million children; at least 78% of people aged 20 to 64 should be in employment; and 60% of adults should participate in training every year.

II. STATE OF PLAY

The proposal builds upon on the Council Recommendation 92/441/EEC on common criteria concerning sufficient resources and social assistance in social protection systems, which it will replace, and complements the Commission Recommendation 2008/867/EC on the active inclusion of people excluded from the labour market. It follows the call made by the Council on 9 October 2020 in its conclusions on strengthening minimum income protection to combat poverty and social exclusion in the covid-19 pandemic and beyond¹.

The proposal was presented by the Commission to the Social Questions Working Party on 7 October 2022. The Working Party examined the proposal at its meetings on 27 October 2022, 14 and 22 November 2022. Based on an informal written consultation, concluded on 25 November 2022, there was agreement on the Presidency compromise text.

As no legal-linguistic revision was possible before submission to the Council (EPSCO) on 8 December, Coreper and Council reached a political agreement on the text in Coreper (30 November 2022) and at Council (EPSCO on 8 December 2022).

The text that was the subject of political agreement has now undergone legal linguistic revision and is found in doc. 15440/22.

III. CONCLUSION

In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to recommend to the Council (AGRIFISH) to adopt, at its session on 30 January 2023, the Council Recommendation on adequate minimum income ensuring active inclusion contained in doc. 15540/22 as revised by the legal linguists.

¹ Doc 11721/20 REV2