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Delegations will find attached a note by the German delegation.

**Note by the German Delegation concerning
the Proposal on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (2014-2020)¹**

The European Council has repeatedly stressed that fighting youth unemployment must be given top priority. With the Youth Unemployment Initiative proposed in its session of 7-8 February 2013, the European Council supports the Commission's Youth Employment Package of 5 December 2012, especially the Youth Guarantee. This must be implemented quickly. The European Social Fund contributes substantially to reach that goal.

Considering that, the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) shall also contribute to the fight against youth unemployment. The EGF shall help unemployed young persons to get a new job and must be adjusted accordingly.

Thus, starting in 2014 and for the time being until the end of 2017, EGF support shall be restricted to Member States with high youth unemployment rates of more than 25%. In addition to the workers laid off due to globalisation, the EGF shall support young unemployed persons in regions with high youth unemployment rates of more than 25%.

For this purpose, the following amendments are suggested:

Article 1 (Objectives)

The following paragraph should be added:

Until 31 December 2017, applications to the EGF are restricted to Member States with youth unemployment rates of more than 25% in 2012. Before 31 December 2016, the Commission will present an assessment of developments concerning youth unemployment in the EU and, if appropriate, proposals for further measures.

¹ Doc. 7298/13

Article 6 (Eligible Workers)

The following paragraph should be added:

Until 31 December 2017, applicant Member States may additionally provide personalized services co-financed by the EGF to an equally large number of unemployed persons between the ages of 15-24 years at the date of the application provided that the redundancies occur at least partly in NUTS 2 level regions that have youth unemployment rates of more than 25% in 2012. The support may be rendered to unemployed persons between the age of 15-24 years in those and neighboring NUTS 2 level regions with respective high youth unemployment rates.
