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Subject:	Draft Council Conclusions on Human Rights and Decent Work in Global Supply Chains - End of written procedure

Delegations are informed that the written procedure, opened by CM 5007/20 of 27 November 2020 was completed on 1 December 2020 at 12.00 and that:

- 1) all delegations voted in favour of the approval of the "Draft Council Conclusions on Human Rights and Decent Work in Global Supply Chains", as set out in document ST 12945/20. The statements submitted by Austria and Poland are given in the Annex hereto.

Therefore the above act of the Council is approved.

COREPER I on 25 and 27 November 2020

**DECLARATION BY AUSTRIA TO THE MINUTES OF COREPER I, 25 AND 27
NOVEMBER 2020, ON ITEM 37 COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND
DECENT WORK IN GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAINS (12945/20)**

Austria states the following to the Council Conclusions on Human Rights and Decent Work in Global Supply Chains (12945/20):

"Austria continues to fully support the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and welcomes all steps to actively promote and support global efforts towards their meaningful implementation. Austria has taken note of references to National Action Plans in Paras 35, 37, 48 and 49 of the Council Conclusions on Human Rights and Decent Work in Global Supply Chains.

Austria recalls its statement on Action 3.5(a) of the EU Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy 2020-2024 concerning the development of National Action Plans on the implementation of the UN Guiding principles on Business and Human Rights (CM 4586/20) and interprets the Council Conclusions in a way that national action plans are not mandatory. It is up to the Member States to judge whether they are appropriate. Austria will assess further measures for strengthening responsible business conduct for human rights in light of the UN Guiding Principles, OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, ILO Tripartite Declaration of Principles Concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy or other tools/initiatives in this area."

STATEMENT BY POLAND
ON CONCLUSIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND DECENT WORK
IN GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN

Equality between women and men is enshrined in the treaties of the European Union as a fundamental right. Poland ensures equality between women and men within the framework of the Polish national legal system in accordance with internationally binding human rights instruments and within the framework of fundamental values and principles of the European Union. For these reasons, in place where the conclusions refer to gender equality Poland will interpret it as a equality between women and men, according to Article 8 TFEU.
