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Delegations will find attached the Council conclusions on the European Court of Auditors' Special Report No 6/2018 - "Free Movement of Workers - the fundamental freedom ensured but better targeting of EU funds would aid worker mobility", adopted by the Council at its meeting held on 21 June 2018.

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Council Conclusions

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1. WELCOMES the European Court of Auditors' Special Report No 6/2018 and the Commission's detailed replies to it;

2. UNDERLINES the timeliness of the report, against the background of the increasing importance of mobility flows in the EU;

3. AGREES with the Court's acknowledgement that the fundamental freedom of free movement of workers is ensured but that improvements can still be made to facilitate labour mobility;

4. RECOGNISES the important work already done by the Commission and the Member States to ensure this fundamental freedom via legislation, its correct implementation and enforcement, and adequate funding;

5. CONSIDERS that the recommendations made by the Court of Auditors are pertinent and are to be taken into account by the Commission as well as the Member States in order to ameliorate the policies and tools geared at promoting free movement of workers;

6. REAFFIRMS its commitment to the principle of free movement of workers, cornerstone of the Single Market integration, ensuring that obstacles to labour mobility are lifted, that the solid framework of rules is correctly and effectively implemented, and that the tools in place assist to facilitate mobility;

7. STRESSES the importance of increasing awareness amongst EU citizens of tools aiming at the provision of information on the freedom of movement of workers as well as at creating a true European job market, in particular given the reform of the EURES network, including the ongoing implementation of the EURES regulation;

8. HIGHLIGHTS the importance of the availability of data that allow for a better monitoring and understanding of the mobility flows, and can thus contribute to improving EU policies and tools;

9. RECOGNISES that there are ongoing initiatives aimed at ensuring that EU rules on labour mobility are enforced in a fair, simple and effective way;

10. NOTES that it is important to ensure increased synergies between funding instruments which address labour mobility, and in this sense

11. RECALLS that for the upcoming negotiations on the next generation of funding programmes, without prejudice to the final outcome of these discussions, due consideration should be given to the recommendations made in this Special Report of the European Court of Auditors.