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REPLY TO PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representations of the Member States

Subject: PRELIMINARY DRAFT REPLY TO QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWER
E-001535/2022 - Cindy Franssen (PPE)
'EU-ratification of the ILO Violence and Harassment Convention, 2019 (No. 190)'

1. Delegations will find attached:
 - the text of the above question for written answer;
 - a preliminary draft reply prepared by the General Secretariat.

2. If no comments have been received from delegations by 6 July 2022 (17.00), this preliminary draft reply will be submitted to the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1) and to the Council for approval.

Any comments received will be examined by the Working Party on General Affairs.

**Question for written answer E-001535/2022
to the Council**

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Cindy Franssen (PPE)

Subject: EU-ratification of the ILO Violence and Harassment Convention, 2019 (No. 190)

ILO Convention No. 190 on the elimination of violence and harassment entered into force in June 2021. On 22 January 2020, the European Commission put forward a proposal for a Council decision that would enable the Member States to ratify the convention.

What steps has the Council taken in the meantime to act on that proposal without delay?

On 4 February 2020, the preparatory bodies of the Council began their work on the proposal for a Council Decision authorising Member States to ratify, in the interest of the European Union, the Violence and Harassment Convention, 2019 (No. 190) of the International Labour Organization.

Meetings of the relevant preparatory bodies took place between February and March 2020.

In December 2020, discussions resumed in the relevant Council preparatory bodies to further assess the procedural aspects and the Presidency of the Council conducted intensive informal bilateral consultations with delegations.

The proceedings were suspended pending an opinion from the Court of Justice of the European Union, requested by the European Parliament, in particular concerning the practice of ‘common accord’. In the light of the opinion of the Court of 6 October 2021¹, discussions were resumed in the relevant preparatory bodies.

¹ Opinion of 6 October 2021, *Istanbul Convention*, 1/19 ECLI:EU:C:2021:832.