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To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)/Council
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Subject:	Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States -Adoption

I. INTRODUCTION

On 23 May 2022, the Commission submitted a proposal for a Council Decision on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States, based on article 148(2) TFEU. [1]

For 2022, the guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States have been notably amended to align the text by retargeting of the narrative to the post-COVID 19 environment, bringing in more elements related to fairness in the green transition, reflecting recent policy initiatives and adding policy elements of particular relevance in the context Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine.

[1] The employment guidelines were first adopted together as an integrated package in 2010 with the broad economic guidelines, underpinning the Europe 2020 Strategy.

II. STATE OF PLAY

The Employment Committee (EMCO) transmitted its Opinion[2] on the employment guidelines to the Council, including the Social Protection Committee's (SPC) contribution on the social aspects of the guidelines.

The European Council, at its meeting on 23-24 June 2022, considered the employment situation of the Union and adopted conclusions thereon.

The Committee of the Regions decided not to issue an opinion on the proposal[3]. The opinion of the Economic and Social Committee was adopted at its plenary session on 22 September 2022.

The European Parliament adopted its Opinion in its plenary session of 18 October 2022.

The Council has now all the necessary opinions for their adoption.

At its meeting on 4 November 2022, the Permanent Representatives Committee confirmed the agreement reached by the Social Questions Working Party of 26 October 2022 on the text of the Decision as set out in doc. 14111/22.

III. CONCLUSION

In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:

- examine the complete package of opinions and

- recommend to the Council (AGRIFISH) to adopt, at its session on 21 November 2022, the Council Decision on the employment guidelines contained in doc. 13109/22 as revised by the legal linguists.

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2 Letter from EMCO Chair on 21 October 2022
3 Letter from the Committee of the Regions on 12 October 2022