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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on prohibiting products made with forced labour on the Union market and amending Directive (EU) 2019/1937 (**first reading**)
- Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 14 September 2022 the Commission submitted its proposal¹, based on Articles 114 and 207 TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 25 January 2023².
3. On 23 April 2024 the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal (without legal linguistic revision). After finalisation of the adopted text by the legal linguists, the Parliament approved a corrigendum to that position at its plenary session of 21 to 24 October 2024. It reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council³.

¹ 12711/22+ COR1.

² OJ C 140, 21.4.2023, p. 75.

³ 14729/24.

4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 67/24, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with Latvia and Hungary abstaining.
5. The statements for the minutes of the Council meeting are set out in the Addendum to this note.
6. If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

After being signed by the Presidents of the European Parliament and of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
