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## REPLY TO PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION

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

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Subject: PRELIMINARY DRAFT REPLY TO QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWER  
E-002638/2023 - Cindy Franssen (PPE)  
'Follow-up question to the Council (E-001535/2022) on the ratification by  
the EU of ILO Convention No 190 on violence and harassment'

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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 10 January 2024 (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-002638/2023  
to the Council**

Rule 138

**Cindy Franssen** (PPE)

Subject: Follow-up question to the Council (E-001535/2022) on the ratification by the EU of ILO Convention No 190 on violence and harassment

ILO Convention No 190 on violence and harassment (2019) 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 adopt the proposal as swiftly as possible?

Submitted: 13.9.2023

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**Reply**

On 22 January 2020, the European Commission presented a 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’.

The Committee of Permanent Representatives (‘Coreper I’) discussed the proposal at its meetings on 11 March 2020, 9 December 2020, 18 December 2020, 1 March 2023, 19 April 2023 and 19 July 23.

On 13 March 2023, the Council held an exchange of views on the Council Decision authorising Member States to ratify the ILO Convention 190 on Violence and Harassment (No. 190).

On 18 September 2023, the Council confirmed the agreement on the text and reached a general approach.

On 23 October 2023, the Council reached an agreement in principle 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.

The Council has already sent a letter seeking the consent of the European Parliament on this draft Council Decision.