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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-004229/2019 - Vilija Blinkevičiūtė 'Financing of the European Child Guarantee Scheme for the 2021-2027 period'

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 19 February 2020 (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-004229/2019/rev.1
to the Council
Rule 138
Vilija Blinkevičiūtė

Subject: Financing of the European Child Guarantee Scheme for the 2021-2027 period

Yesterday, the Finnish Presidency presented a negotiating package on the Multiannual Financial Framework for the 2021-2027 period. It significantly reduces funding for the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+). The negotiating document contained no references to the European Child Guarantee Scheme, to which Parliament is proposing to allocate EUR 5.9 billion over a seven-year period.

A European Child Guarantee Scheme is essential to combat persistent child poverty in the European Union. At present, around 20 million children are in poverty in the EU, which is unjustifiable. We must therefore ensure that we have the resources to tackle child poverty over the next seven years.

I would like to know whether the Council intends to provide funding for the European Child Guarantee Scheme and what amount is being proposed?

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Reply

The proposal referred to by the Honourable Member is being discussed within the Council. The Council is not in a position to anticipate the outcome of the ongoing discussions.
