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'I' ITEM NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
Subject:	Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2011/36/EU on preventing combating trafficking in human beings and protecting its victims - Confirmation of the final compromise text with a view to agreement at first reading

I. BACKGROUND/INTRODUCTION

1. On 22 December 2022, the Commission submitted a proposal for a Directive amending Directive 2011/36/EU on preventing combating trafficking in human beings and protecting its victims.

2. The draft Directive is based on Article 82(2) and 83(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) (ordinary legislative procedure).

3. On 9 June 2023, the Council reached a general approach[1] on the abovementioned proposal, which constituted the mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament in the context of the ordinary legislative procedure.

[1] 10350/23.

4. On 23 January 2024, a provisional agreement was reached between co-legislators, which resulted in the final compromise text[2] set out in 5911/24.

II. CONCLUSION

5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to:

   a) confirm agreement on the final compromise text as set out in 5911/24 with a view to reaching an agreement at first reading with the European Parliament,

   b) authorise the Chair of the Permanent Representatives Committee to send a letter to inform the Chairs of the European Parliament's LIBE and FEMM Committees that, should the European Parliament adopt its position at first reading on the proposal in the exact form as set out in 5911/24, subject, if necessary, to revision of that text by the legal linguists of both institutions, the Council will approve the European Parliament's position and the act will be adopted in the wording which corresponds to the European Parliament's position.

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[2] A few technical adjustments have been introduced at technical level subsequent to the trilogue.

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