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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directive 2004/37/EC on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work **(first reading)** - Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 22 September 2020, the Commission[1] sent its proposal, based on Article 153 TFEU, to the Council.

2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 2 December 2020[2].

3. The European Committee of the Regions was consulted and decided not to give an opinion.

4. On 17 February 2022, the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council[3].

[1] 11188/20
[2] OJ C 56, 16.2.2021, p. 63
[3] 6199/22

5. Accordingly, the Permanent Representatives Committee is asked to:

   - confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 89/21, and the joint statement of the European Parliament and the Council, as set out in Addendum 1 to this note, as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting;

   - decide that the joint statement, as set out in the Addendum 1 to this note, be published in the L series of the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

6. The statements for the minutes of the Council are set out in the Addenda 1 and 2 to this note.

7. If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

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