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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject:	Tripartite Social Summit <i>Information from the Presidency and the Commission</i>

Delegations will find attached information from the Presidency and the Commission on the above subject, with a view to the meeting of the EPSCO Council on 13 March 2023 (Any Other Business item).

Tripartite Social Summit

The Tripartite Social Summit (TSS) is a forum for dialogue between the EU institutions and the European social partners. Its task is to ensure a continuous concertation between the European Council, the Council, the Commission and the social partners, in compliance with the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and the Treaty on the European Union and with due regard for the powers of the institutions and bodies of the Union. In particular, the TSS facilitates synergies aimed at the promotion of growth, a high level of employment, the guarantee of adequate social protection, the fight against social exclusion and a high level of education, training and protection of human health. The Summit was established in 2003 by Council Decision 2003/174/EC, which was later repealed by Council Decision (EU) 2016/1859.

The next Tripartite Social Summit will take place on 22 March under the title “Giving the right answers to Europe’s competitiveness challenges — how to make Europe the place to be for industrial investments creating growth and quality jobs?”. The speakers will be invited to address one of the following topics:

- Restoring a level playing field, ensuring a necessary competitive transformation in all industrial sectors and delivering an economically sound and just transition.
- The Skills Agenda: mobilising the European Year of skills to address recruitment problems and bridge the gap in access to skills and skills training.
- Making the Single Market more resilient and pursuing an ambitious trade agenda to build a highly competitive social market economy that delivers for all.

In order to inform the public about the topics discussed at the meeting, a press release will be published, and a press conference held after the meeting.