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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Draft DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on protecting persons who engage in public participation from manifestly unfounded claims or abusive court proceedings ('Strategic lawsuits against public participation') **(first reading)**
- Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 27 April 2022 the Commission submitted its proposal¹, based on Article 81(2)(f) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 26 October 2022².
3. On 27 February 2024 the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal³. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council.

¹ 8529/22 + ADD1.

² OJ C 75, 28.2.2023, p. 143.

³ 7153/24.

4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council⁴ approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 88/23, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with Hungary voting against.
5. The statements for the minutes of the Council meeting are set out in the Addendum to this note.
6. If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

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

⁴ In accordance with Articles 1 and 2 of Protocol No 22 on the position of Denmark, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Denmark is not taking part in the adoption of this Directive and is not bound by it or subject to its application.