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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 a single application procedure for a single permit for third-country nationals to reside and work in the territory of a Member State and on a common set of rights for third-country workers legally residing in a Member State (recast) **(first reading)** - Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 28 April 2022 the Commission submitted its proposal[1], based on Article 79(2) points (a) and (b) TFEU, to the Council.

2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 26 October 2022[2].

3. The European Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 30 November 2022[3].

4. On 13 March 2024 the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council[4].

1 8580/22 + ADD1 to ADD4.
2 OJ C 75, 28.2.2023, p. 136.
3 OJ C 79, 2.3.2023, p. 59.
4 7508/24.

5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council[5] [6] approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 93/23, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with Hungary voting against and the Czech Republic, Estonia, Croatia, and Finland abstaining.

6. The statement for the minutes of the Council meeting is set out in the Addendum to this note.

7. 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*.

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[5] In accordance with Articles 1 and 2 of the Protocol No 22 on the position of Denmark, annexed to the TEU and to the TFEU, Denmark is not taking part in the adoption of this Directive and is not bound by it or subject to its application.

[6] In accordance with Articles 1 and 2 of Protocol No 21 on the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in respect of the area of freedom, security and justice , annexed to the Treaty on European Union (TEU) and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), and without prejudice to Article 4 of that Protocol, Ireland is not taking part in the adoption of this Directive and is not bound by it or subject to its application.