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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 standards for equality bodies in the field of equal treatment and equal opportunities between women and men in matters of employment and occupation, and amending Directives 2006/54/EC and 2010/41/EU **(first reading)** - Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 7 December 2022 the Commission submitted its proposal[1], based on Article 157(3) TFEU, to the Council.

2. The European Data Protection Supervisor delivered its opinion on 2 February 2023[2].

3. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 22 March 2023[3].

4. On 10 April 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 15902/22.
2 OJ C 64, 21.2.2023, p. 46.
3 OJ C 184, 25.5.2023, p. 71.
4 8647/24.

5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 92/23, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with Bulgaria and Hungary voting against and the Czech Republic, Italy and Slovakia abstaining.

6. The statements for the minutes of the Council meeting are 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*.