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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Delegations

Subject: Communication on the progress in implementation of the Action Plan
against racism - state of play
Information from the Commission

Delegations will find attached information from the Commission on the above subject, with a view to the EPSCO Council on 7 May 2024 (Any Other Business item).

Communication on the progress in implementation of the Action Plan against racism - state of play

The EU anti-racism action plan 2020-2025 contains about 80 different measures to combat racism. Furthermore, it calls upon Member States to develop stand-alone national instruments to fight racism. The action plan invites Member States to report regularly on the implementation of national action plans, as this will be the foundation for exchanges of good practices, mutual learning and for an assessment of progress at the national and EU level.

The Commission carried out a comprehensive stakeholder consultation in 2023 in order to gather information and views on the implementation of the EU anti-racism action plan 2020-2025. This information will inform the first report on the national implementation of the anti-racism action plan.

The consultation contained a call for evidence on the “have your say platform”, which was open for everyone and received 52 responses.

This call for evidence was complemented by a stakeholder consultation directed at civil society organisations and other relevant stakeholders, such as Equinet, the Diversity Charter, and international organisations, and a targeted consultation of Member States and national bodies responsible for the implementation of the EU action plan.

Based on the consultation and an internal assessment, a progress report on the implementation of the EU action plan against racism 2020-2025 is currently being prepared for publication. The report will cover the measures taken by the Commission and other EU Agencies, as well as of Member States. The report will be published in a timely manner. A date has not been set yet.

The upcoming report will address the various areas identified by the EU anti-racism action plan, including strengthening the role of equality bodies, supporting Member States in monitoring the application of the Racial Equality Directive and encouraging the full and correct transposition of the Framework Decision on Racism and Xenophobia, encouraging the collection of equality data, mainstreaming of anti-racism in EU policymaking and building close partnership with relevant civil society stakeholders.