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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft COUNCIL DIRECTIVE on standards for equality bodies in the field of equal treatment between persons irrespective of their racial or ethnic origin, equal treatment in matters of employment and occupation between persons irrespective of their religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation, equal treatment between women and men in matters of social security and in the access to and supply of goods and services, and amending Directives 2000/43/EC and 2004/113/EC - *Adoption of the legislative act*

1. The Commission submitted a proposal for the abovementioned Council Directive on 7 December 2022.[1] This proposal falls under the special legislative procedure foreseen in Article 19(1) TFEU.

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]

1 Doc. 15899/22
2 OJ C 64, 21.2.2023, p. 46
3 OJ C 184, 25.5.2023, p. 71

4. On 12 June 2023, the Council reached a general approach,[4] after which the text was fine-tuned by the lawyer-linguists of the Council.[5]

5. The Council subsequently decided to amend the text of its original general approach. The resulting revised general approach was reached by the Council on 22 January 2024.[6]

6. On 20 February 2024, the Council adopted a decision agreeing in principle on the draft text and requesting to the European Parliament to give its consent to the draft Council Directive, as finalised by the lawyer linguists.[7]

7. On 10 April 2024, the European Parliament gave its consent to the draft Council Directive.

8. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore called on to suggest that the Council:

   – adopts, as an "A" item on the agenda of one of its forthcoming sessions, the draft Council Directive, as set out after finalisation by the lawyer linguists in doc. 10788/1/23 REV 1 + COR 2; and

   – takes note of any statements contained in addenda to this note.

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

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4 Doc. 10027/23
5 Doc. 10788/23
6 Doc. 5128/24
7 Doc. 10788/1/23 REV 1