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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Proposal for a Directive on combating sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children and child sexual abuse material (recast) – Presidency's note

As announced in ST 9825/26, there are two sensitive issues the Parliament is insisting on regarding the victims' package: survivors and Barnahus model. In view of reaching a compromise in this package, the Presidency presents two compromise proposals to delegations.

Questions to delegations: delegations are invited to consider the two compromise proposals below and indicate whether they could be acceptable.

Survivors:

The Parliament is insisting on a stronger on survivors, including a relevant definition. This has been rejected by the Presidency, and therefore Presidency is proposing the below compromise for the attention to delegations.

(38) ~~The trauma arising from~~ **Persons who have suffered from child** sexual abuse and sexual exploitation, **some of whom might refer to themselves as survivors,** ~~of children~~ often **experience trauma that** lasts well into adulthood, entailing long-term effects which often prevent victims from reporting the offence and from seeking assistance and support for years or even decades. Therefore, Member States should provide tailored and comprehensive short- and long-term assistance ~~not only~~ to ~~child~~ victims~~, but also to adult survivors~~ of child sexual abuse and sexual exploitation, **including during their adulthood where necessary**.

Alternative to Barnahus model:

Article 21

*Assistance***,** ~~*and*~~ *support****, and protection measures for*** ~~*to*~~ *victims*

2. **Member States shall strive to ensure that all child victims of the offences referred to in Articles 3 to 6 and 9 have access to assessment, support services and protection measures in child-friendly settings, with a view to supporting the child's overall well-being, minimising the risk of secondary victimisation and of re-traumatisation arising from their vulnerable situation.**

   The settings, support services and protection measures referred to in this paragraph shall be available in sufficient capacity, and be sufficiently geographically distributed so as to be effectively accessible to child victims.

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