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NOTE

From: Presidency
To: Working Party on Technical Harmonisation (Construction Products)

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WP on Technical Harmonisation (Construction Products)

24 July 2023

Dear delegates,

As a follow up to the Working Party meeting of July 20th, we would like to recall the main conclusions and next steps:

1. *In terms of process, technical meetings with the European Parliament will start in early September. It is the ambition of the Spanish Presidency to reach an agreement with the European Parliament on this file before the end of 2023 and initial indications from the Parliament would seem to point to a similar level of ambition.*
2. *In order to achieve maximum progress within the available time and commence negotiations in the initial meetings, it is fundamental that the negotiating team is provided with sufficient information and tools: input from delegations will be the base on which the Presidency will build for the negotiations.*
3. *Delegations should send their comments on amendments on Chapters I, II and III and relevant annexes (Annex I A, annex I BC, Annex I D, Annex II and Annex V) by August 20th COB in order to have sufficient input and time to process it for the negotiations during the month of September.*
4. *Delegations are strongly encouraged to:*
 - a. *Identify and propose flexibilities*
 - b. *For those cases where there is a red line, provide technical counter-arguments, including examples to defend the line vis-à-vis the Parliament*

Please note that, in addition to the amendments proposed by Parliament, there will be a number of “hidden” amendments where the Parliament may have not touched the Commission proposed text whereas the Council will have deleted it. We will be sending you soon the draft 4 column table so that you can also consider them.

Please do not include your comments directly in the 4 column document as this will make the job of identifying and processing them more difficult but please do identify the specific line you are referring to.

Thanks and have a well-earned Summer

The Spanish Presidency Team