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Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (Industry - CRMA) Industry Working Parties 3rd-4th October

Dear Colleagues,

We are happy to welcome you to the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (Industry), where we will have CRMA back in the agenda after the kick-off trilogue that took place on September 20th.

It will be a full day meeting with interpretation on the 3rd of October starting at 10:00 in the Council Building.

After the adoption of the agenda, Commission will present the Memorandum of Understanding to be signed on behalf of the EU with the Democratic Republic of the Congo, establishing a Strategic Partnership on sustainable critical and strategic raw materials value chains. Member States will have the opportunity to exchange their views in a round of interventions.

Afterwards, we will start analysing the CRMA 4-column document, focusing on the articles in Batches I & II (please see document WK 11714 2023 – COR1) together with the corresponding Definitions, Annexes and Recitals (see document WK11743/23 REV1). Member States are invited to highlight their flexibilities towards the Parliament's mandate or possible red lines.

We remind you that **Batch I articles** refer to:

- Article 1 (and 5(0)) on Subject matter and objectives.
- Article 8, One Stop Shop
- Chapter IV, Risk monitoring and mitigation (articles 19-24)
- Chapter VI, Strategic Partnerships (article 33 (and 35a))
- Chapter VII, Governance (articles 34 and 35)

In addition, **Batch II articles** refer to:

- Chapter II (arts 3, 3a (new in EP's mandate) and 4)
- Chapter III:
 - Section 1 (articles 5 to 7),
 - Section 2 (articles 9 to 13),
 - Section 3 (articles 14 to 17)

Discussions on all these articles will take place on 3rd October, if there is time (and, therefore the Working party meeting on 4 October would be cancelled). **If not, discussions will resume on 4th October, in a Working Party in attaché format (morning only, without interpretation).**

The Spanish CRMA Presidency Team

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