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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Draft DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE
COUNCIL on work-life balance for parents and carers and repealing
Council Directive 2010/18/EU (**first reading**)
- Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 26 April 2017 the Commission sent the above proposal¹, based on Article 153(2)(b) and Article 153(1)(i) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 6 December 2017².
3. The Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 30 November 2017³.
4. On 4 April 2019 the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council⁴.

¹ 8633/17.

² OJ C 129, 11.4.2018, p. 44.

³ OJ C 164, 8.5.2018, p. 62.

⁴ 8061/19.

5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council:
- approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 20/19, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with Denmark, Hungary, the Netherlands and Slovenia voting against and Austria and Poland abstaining;
 - decide that the statements in the addendum to this note be entered in the minutes of that meeting.

If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

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