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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 improving the gender balance among directors of listed companies and related measures **(first reading)**
- Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons

1. On 16 November 2012 the Commission sent its proposal¹, based on Article 157(3) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 13 February 2013².
3. The Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 30 May 2013³.
4. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 20 November 2013⁴.

¹ 16433/12 + ADD 1 to ADD 3.
² OJ C 133, 9.5.2013, p. 68–76.
³ OJ C 218, 30.7.2013, p. 33–41.
⁴ 16284/13.

5. The Permanent Representatives Committee confirmed on 15 June 2022 the provisional agreement reached by the co-legislators.
6. On 16 June 2022, the European Parliament's Committees on Legal Affairs (JURI) and on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM) confirmed the provisional agreement, and their chairs subsequently sent a letter to the chair of Coreper declaring that the European Parliament should, at its second reading, approve the Council's position at first reading (following a legal-linguistic review) without amendments.
7. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to suggest that the Council adopt its position at first reading, as set out in document 10521/22 and the statement of reasons, as set out in document 10521/22 ADD 1, as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting, with Hungary, Poland and Sweden voting against and Estonia, Latvia and Slovakia abstaining.
8. The statements for the minutes of the Council meeting are set out in the Addendum 1 to this note.
