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from: General Secretariat of the Council
to: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part I) / Council

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Subject: Proposal for a Council Decision on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States
- Adoption
COMMON GUIDELINES
Consultation deadline: 19.04.2013

1. On 28 November 2012, the Commission submitted a proposal for a Decision of the Council on Guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States, based on Article 148(2) TFEU, considering that the guidelines for Member States' employment policies as set out in the Annex to Council Decision of 21 October 2010¹ should be maintained for 2013.

¹ Council Decision 2010/707/UE of 21 October 2010 on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States (OJ L 308, 24.11.2010, p. 46).

2. The European Parliament's opinion was adopted in its plenary session of the week of 4-7 February, agreeing with the Commission's proposal. The Employment Committee finalised its opinion in the meeting of 31 January 2013 (doc. 6043/13), also agreeing with the Commission's proposal to maintain the 2010 Employment Guidelines. The Economic and Social Committee adopted its opinion in its plenary session of 13-14 February. The Committee of the Regions decided not to issue an opinion (doc. 5417/13).
3. At its session on 28 February 2013, the Council (EPSCO) reached a general approach on the proposal, on the understanding that it would be reconsidered when the conclusions of the March European Council were available.
4. The European Council, at its meeting on 14-15 March 2013, considered the employment situation of the Union and adopted conclusions thereon.
5. The text of the draft Decision, as finalised by the Legal/Linguistic Experts, is contained in document 7116/13 SOC 144 ECOFIN 168 EDUC 72 OC 122.
6. The Permanent Representatives Committee invites the Council to adopt the draft Decision as set out in document 7116/13 as an "A" item at a forthcoming session.
