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ADDENDUM to DRAFT MINUTES

Subject: **3039th** meeting of the Council of the European Union (**EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL POLICY, HEALTH and CONSUMER AFFAIRS**), held in Luxembourg on 21 October 2010

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The Council adopted the three draft decisions, CZ and MT abstaining (Legal basis: Article 217 TFEU in conjunction with Article 218(9) TFEU), and agreed to enter the following statement in its minutes:

"Malta and the Czech Republic fully recognise and support the objective of these Council Decisions with respect to the State of Israel, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the Republic of Croatia.

These delegations, however, consider that these Council Decisions should implement the principles for the coordination of social security as set out in the Association Agreements and should not exceed the remit of such Agreements or extend their scope.

These delegations hold that in view of the fact that the respective Association Agreements do not contain an equal treatment clause, the insertion of Article 2a in these Council Decisions goes beyond their intended scope.

Malta and the Czech Republic therefore abstain on these Council Decisions."

AGENDA ITEMS

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

(public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure for items 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8)

3. Proposal for a Council Decision on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States

– Adoption

9233/10 CO EUR-PREP 19 POLGEN 66 AG 14 ECOFIN 234 UEM
162 SOC 309 COMPET 127 RECH 153 ENER 130
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14917/10 SOC 655 ECOFIN 622 EDUC 171
14338/10 SOC 599 ECOFIN 577 EDUC 156
+ COR 1

The Council adopted, with the UK delegation abstaining from the vote, the Decision on the Employment Guidelines as set out in document 14338/10 (Legal basis: Article 148(2) TFEU).

Statement by Cyprus

Re recital 8

"Cyprus fully supports the philosophy enshrined in recital 8 of the Council Decision on the Guidelines for the Employment Policies of the Member States.

However, for reasons of principle, Cyprus would like to note for the record that in addition to the various exit strategies referred to in recital 8 of the Decision, there should also be a reference to the need to ensure and safeguard social cohesion through these proposed measures.

Cyprus believes that the EU would be true to its mission to act as a guardian of Europe's Social Dimension only by ensuring that while carrying out the most needed fiscal and macroeconomic reforms and enhancing "labour market performance", the need to ensure social cohesion is fully respected. This is essential, in order not only to uphold the role of EPSCO but also to ensure that it has a more prominent role in the governance of the EU 2020 Strategy.

Cyprus stands firmly behind any initiative that enhances and strengthens Member States' Social Cohesion and the Union's Social Dimension and, most certainly, the protection of its citizens. This must be an integral part of any effort to achieve sustainable fiscal and macroeconomic reforms."

4. Governance of the European Employment Strategy within the context of Europe 2020 and the European semester

- Adoption of Council conclusions
- Policy debate
14478/10 SOC 611 ECOFIN 579 EDUC 157
14696/10 SOC 631 ECOFIN 604 EDUC 167

The Council adopted the Conclusions as set out in doc. 14478/10 SOC 611 ECOFIN 579 EDUC 157. The Council held a debate based on the Presidency questionnaire in doc. 14696/10 SOC 631 ECOFIN 604 EDUC 167.

5. Preparation of the Tripartite Social Summit

- Information from the Presidency

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency.

6. Communication from the Commission on the flagship initiative Youth on the Move

- Presentation by the Commission
- Exchange of views
13726/10 EDUC 145 JEUN 33 SOC 544 COMPET 242 RECH 292

The Council the Council held a brief exchange of views on the Communication presented by Commissioner Andor.

7. Opinion of the Employment Committee on making transitions pay

- Approval of the Employment Committee's opinion
14479/10 SOC 612 EDUC 158 ECOFIN 580
+ COR 1 (sl)

The Council endorsed the Employment Committee's opinion as set out in document 14479/10 SOC 612 EDUC 158 ECOFIN 580 + COR 1 (sl).

**8. "Social protection and social inclusion in the Europe 2020 strategy and its governance"
Opinion of the Social Protection Committee on the social dimension of the Europe 2020 strategy**

- Approval of the Social Protection Committee's opinion
- Policy debate
 - 14254/1/10 SOC 589 REV 1
 - 14615/10 SOC 623

The Council held a comprehensive debate on the basis of the Presidency's questionnaire (doc. 4615/10) and approved the Social Protection Committee's opinion (doc 14254/1/10 REV1). It further mandated the Social Protection Committee to pursue its work on the social dimension of the EU 2020 Strategy on the basis of this opinion.

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