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Subject: **3073rd** meeting of the Council of the European Union (**EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL POLICY, HEALTH and CONSUMER AFFAIRS**), held in Brussels on 7 March 2011

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¹ Deliberations on Union legislative acts (Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union), other deliberations open to the public and public debates (Article 8 of the Council's Rules of Procedure).

LEGISLATIVE DELIBERATIONS

(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

"A" ITEM

Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1964/2005 on the tariff rates for bananas

PE-CONS 7/11 WTO 41 AGRI 91 AMLAT 10 USA 10 ACP 37 CODEC 193

The Council approved the amendment set out in the European Parliament's position at first reading and adopted the proposed act amended accordingly, pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. (Legal basis: Article 207(2) of the TFEU).

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES - PUBLIC DEBATES

(pursuant to Article 8 (2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure[Proposed by the Presidency])

AGENDA ITEMS

3. Approval of the list of "A" items

7129/11 PTS A 20

The Council adopted the list of "A" items listed in document 7129/11.

The documents in item 7 should read as follows:

Item 7: 8312/09 AVIATION 60 RELEX 308 USA 21

+ **REV 1 (hu)**

+ **REV 2 (lt)**

+ **REV 3 (nl)**

6821/11 AVIATION 31 RELEX 174 USA 17

6887/11 AVIATION 34 RELEX 187 USA 18

4. Contribution to the European Council (24 - 25 March 2011)

= Policy debate (*on issues related to the implementation of the EU 2020 Strategy, point a-c*)

6912/11 SOC 158 EDUC 38 ECOFIN 89

The Council held a policy debate on the basis of a Presidency questionnaire (6912/11) on issues relevant to the Annual Growth Survey (AGS) and to the European Semester, namely the Joint Employment Report (JER) and the Guidelines for the Employment Policies of the Member States, and on items linked to the Europe 2020 Strategy, i.e. the "European Platform against Poverty and Social Exclusion" and the main messages of the Report on the social dimension of the Strategy. The results of this debate, reflected in the Presidency Summary Report, and the Joint Employment Report were submitted as the EPSCO Council's contribution to the European Council of 24/25 March.

a) European Semester, Annual Growth Survey

i. The Joint Employment Report in the context of the Annual Growth Survey 2011: political guidance on employment policies

- Adoption of Council conclusions

6913/1/11 SOC 159 ECOFIN 86 EDUC 36 REV 1

The Council adopted the conclusions as set out in document 6913/1/11 REV 1 noting the abstention of Sweden and Cyprus. Cyprus expressed concern regarding two points in the text, i.e. the reference to the implementation of employment policies aiming at increasing the effective retirement age and the suggestion that productivity is the key factor linked to wage setting.

The final version of the conclusions is to be found in document 7397/11.

ii. Joint Employment Report

- Adoption of the report

6914/11 SOC 160 ECOFIN 87 EDUC 37

+ COR 1

The Council adopted the Joint Employment Report as set out in document 6914/11 + COR 1 noting the abstention of the United Kingdom and agreed to submit the Report to the European Council.

iii. Proposal for Council Decision on Guidelines for the Employment Policies of the Member States

- General approach
5520/11 SOC 39 ECOFIN 19 EDUC 12
5982/11 SOC 73 ECOFIN 40 EDUC 20
+ COR 1
6192/2/11 SOC 98 ECOFIN 52 EDUC 23 REV 2

The Council reached a general approach as set out in document 6192/2/11 REV 2.

b) The European Platform against Poverty and Social Exclusion:

i. A European framework for social and territorial cohesion

- Adoption of Council conclusions
18111/10 SOC 860
6917/11 SOC 162

The Council adopted the conclusions as set out in doc. 6917/11. The final version is to be found in doc. 7434/11.

ii. Flagship Initiative of the Europe 2020 Strategy

- Opinion of the Social Protection Committee
6491/11 SOC 124

The Council endorsed the Opinion of the Social Protection Committee as set out in doc. 6491/11.

c) Assessment of the social dimension of the Europe 2020 Strategy: 2011 Report of the Social Protection Committee

- Adoption of the main messages of the Report
6624/11 SOC 135 ECOFIN 76 SAN 30

The Council adopted the main messages of the SPC report as set out in doc. 6624/11.

d) Preparation of the Tripartite Social Summit

- Information from the Presidency

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the preparation of the next Tripartite Social Summit taking place on 24 March.

5. The further development of an electronic exchange system facilitating the administrative cooperation in the framework of the posting of workers Directive

- Adoption of Council conclusions
6196/1/11 SOC 99 COMPET 34 REV 1
REV 1 + COR 1 (lv)

The Council adopted the conclusions set out in 6196/1/11 REV 1 + COR 1 (lv). The final version of these conclusions is to be found in doc. 7395/11.

6. European Pact for Gender Equality (2011 - 2020)

- Adoption of Council conclusions
7166/11 SOC 184

The Council unanimously adopted the conclusions set out in 7166/11. The final version of these conclusions is to be found in doc. 7370/11.

Supporting the Conclusions, the Belgian delegation highlighted the importance of measures to close the gender pay gap, and noted that it would have wished to see a reference in the Pact to the Conclusions adopted by the EPSCO Council on this theme on 6 December 2010.

The Council decided, moreover, to publish the conclusions in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

7. Progress on equality between women and men in 2010: Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions

- Presentation of the annual report by the Commission
6571/11 SOC 129 ECOFIN 73 EDUC 31 JAI 116 COHOM 51

The Council took note of the Commission's report on Progress on equality between women and men in 2010, as set out in 6571/11, and agreed to submit it to the European Council.

8. Towards adequate sustainable and safe European pension systems: Report on the consultation on the Green Paper

- Presentation by the Commission of initial conclusions
- Exchange of views

6918/11 SOC 163 ECOFIN 88

The Council held an exchange of views on the initial conclusions of the Commission report on the outcome of the public consultation on the basis of the Green Paper (6918/11).

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