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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
On:	12 September 2016
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Summary of discussions

1. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as set out in doc CM 3741/1/16 REV 1.

2. Multi-annual Framework for the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights

Delegations discussed document 10901/16. The outcome of these discussions is set out in document 12631/16.

3. Proposal for a Council decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention)

The discussion was based on the Presidency questionnaire set out in document WK 464/16. Almost all delegations took the floor. Except for one, all delegations reaffirmed that the EU should become a party to the Istanbul Convention. A number of delegations entered scrutiny reservations.

In general, delegations found that information provided so far was sufficient for the decision making. However, a number of delegations requested a more detailed analysis of the division of competences between the Union and its Member States regarding the subject matter covered by the Convention. Several delegations favoured EU accession to the Istanbul Convention only to the extent of the exclusive competences of the EU.

Delegations agreed on the next steps and working modalities put forward by the Presidency in the discussion paper.

4. AOB

The representative of the Commission informed the meeting about the 2016 Annual Colloquium on Fundamental Rights - Media Pluralism in a democratic society (Brussels, 17-18 November 2016). The purpose of the 2016 Annual Colloquium is to explore, from a fundamental rights perspective, the multiple links between a free and pluralistic media space, on the one hand, and democracy, on the other.
