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REPORT

from:	The Permanent Representatives Committee
to:	Council (EPSCO)
No. Cion prop.:	16118/13 (COM(2013) 740 final)
Subject:	Proposal for a Council Decision on a Tripartite Social Summit for Growth and
	Employment
	- Agreement in principle

I. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

- 1. On 31 October 2013, the Commission submitted a proposal for a Decision aiming at adapting Council Decision 2003/174/EC setting up the Tripartite Social Summit (TSS) to the institutional changes brought in by the Treaty of Lisbon while reflecting the positive results of recent practical experience with the TSS.
- 2. The proposal is based on Article 352 TFEU (unanimity) and is subject to the European Parliament's consent prior to its adoption by the Council.
- 3. The proposal was examined by the Social Questions Working Party at several meetings¹.

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^{1 13, 22} and 27 January and 4 February

- 4. With a view to the adoption of a motion for a European Parliament Resolution by the Employment and Social Affairs Committee on 13 February, and at the initiative of the Presidency, it was agreed that a few modifications suggested by Parliament could be incorporated in the text as finalised by the Working Party (doc. 6107/14).
- 5. <u>CZ, DE, MT and UK</u> entered parliamentary scrutiny reserves.
- 6. <u>CZ, DE and UK</u> stated that they would either need to adopt a new legislation or they would have to refer to their Parliaments before giving their agreement.
- 7. <u>All delegations</u> maintain general linguistic reservations pending availability of the text in their own languages.

II. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

8. Without prejudice to the pending parliamentary scrutiny reservations, the Permanent Representatives Committee invites the Council to reach an agreement in principle on the text of the draft Decision as finalised by the Jurists-Linguists (doc.5820/14 SOC 53).

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