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Subject: Proposal for a Council Decision on Guidelines for the Employment Policies of the Member States for 2014
- Adoption

I. INTRODUCTION

1. On 13 November 2013, the Commission submitted a proposal for a Decision of the Council on Guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States for 2014, 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 2014.

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 on 26 February 2014, agreeing with the Commission's proposal to maintain the 2010 Employment Guidelines. The Employment Committee finalised its opinion at its meeting of 3 December 2013 (doc. 6106/14 + COR1), equally supporting the Commission proposal. The Economic and Social Committee adopted its opinion on 21 January 2014. The Committee of the Regions has informed the Council that it will not submit an opinion on the proposal (doc. 6108/14).
3. At its session on 10 March 2014, 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 20-21 March 2014, 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 7777/14 SOC 201 ECOFIN 261 EMPL 41 EDUC 97.
6. The Permanent Representatives Committee invites the Council to adopt the draft Decision as set out in document 7777/14 as an "A" item at a forthcoming session.
