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From: General Secretariat of the Council

To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on enhanced co-operation between Public Employment Services (PES) (**first reading**)

- Adoption of the legislative act (**LA + S**)

= Statement

Statement by the Commission

The Commission

1. Welcomes the agreement reached by the co-legislators on enhanced cooperation between Public Employment Services as a powerful mechanism for strengthening cooperation between Member State's employment services with a view to increasing the quality of services, the capacity and the efficiency in implementing employment policies;
2. Considers that in accordance with Article 145 TFEU this enhanced cooperation between PES is an integral part of the coordinated strategy for employment;
3. Considers that Article 149 TFEU provides the legal basis for the full participation of all the Member States in the network.