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(**EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL POLICY, HEALTH AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS**) held in Brussels on 1 December 2014

In doc. 16258/14 ADD 1, page 4, item 5 should read as follows:

NON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES - PUBLIC DEBATE

(Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure [proposed by the Presidency])

5. Europe 2020 - Mid-term review

- Exchange of views

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The Council held an exchange of views on the basis of the note submitted by the Presidency and questions contained therein.

The Council recognized that health sector makes an important contribution to economic growth and employment. A number of delegations called for better reflection of the role of good health of population in achieving the objectives of the EU 2020 strategy. It was stressed that the organisation and delivery of health services and medical care **is the competence of the Member States**, which needs to be also respected in the European Semester process. The addition of specific headline target related to health was not supported and the best way forward could be the information and best practices exchange with the objectives to improve sustainability and efficiency of member states' health systems.