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#### **OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS**

From: General Secretariat of the Council

On: 3 November 2014

To: Delegations

Subject: Summary of discussions

## 1) Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as set out in 4584/1/14 REV 1 with additional information items added under AOB.

#### 2) Draft Council conclusions on the promotion and protection of the rights of the child

#### - Examination of the draft prepared by the Presidency

The Presidency presented its draft Council conclusions on the promotion and protection of the rights of the child (doc. 14416/14). Delegations supported the initiative and exchanged views on the draft. The Presidency took note of the positions expressed and stated that amended Presidency draft Conclusions would be presented to the Council (Justice and Home Affairs) at its meeting on 4-5 December 2014.

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# 3) Debriefing from the conference "Tackling Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Discrimination" on 28 October 2014

### - Presentation by the Presidency

The Presidency debriefed delegations on the conference "Tackling Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Discrimination" co-organised by the Italian Presidency, the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) and hosted by the General Secretariat of the Council on 28 October 2014. The Presidency also informed that a joint note from the Presidency and FRA would be circulated summarising the event in more detail (doc. 14996/14).

4) European Year of Citizens 2013 – Report to the European Parliament and the Council on its implementation, results and overall assessment – Further steps

- presentation by the Commission

Representatives from DG Communication of the Commission presented the main features, results and overall assessment of the European Year of Citizens 2013.

#### **5) AOB**

Under AOB, the Belgian delegation presented the FREMP-related agenda of the upcoming Belgian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (the Belgian Presidency would take place from 13 November 2014 until 19 May 2015).

The Commission informed about the high-level conference "The Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union: assessing and responding to the training needs of legal practitioners and public officials" taking place on 17-18 December 2014 in Brussels.

The Presidency debriefed delegations on its participation at the meeting of the Working Party on Human Rights on 7 October 2014 regarding the EU internal-external coherence in the field of fundamental/human rights.

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Lastly, the Presidency asked delegations whether they would agree to grant access to FRA to the compilation of delegations' replies concerning the application of the Charter (doc. DS 1383/1/14). Some delegates stated that they would need further time to consult with their Ministries. (N.B. In the meantime, FRA has decided not to further pursue its request).

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