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<sup>1</sup> Deliberations on Union legislative acts (Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union), other deliberations open to the public and public debates (Article 8 of the Council's Rules of Procedure).

## **LEGISLATIVE DELIBERATIONS**

*(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)*

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The Council approved the European Parliament's position at first reading and the proposed act has been adopted, with the Polish delegation abstaining, pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. (Legal basis: Article 46 TFEU).

### **Statement by the Republic of Poland**

"In principle, Poland supports activities which aim to facilitate the exercise of freedom of movement for workers within the Union, the improved functioning and integration of labour markets in the Union and, in particular, voluntary geographical mobility on a fair basis.

However, it maintains its view that Article 30(1)(a) of the *proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a European network of employment services (EURES), workers' access to mobility services and the further integration of labour markets and amending Regulations (EU) No 492/2011 and (EU) No 1296/2013* indirectly infringes the law prohibiting discrimination based on sex.

The provisions set out in Article 30(1)(a) require Member States to collect and analyse gender-disaggregated information on labour shortages and labour surpluses on labour markets. Poland has repeatedly stressed that in job offers used in connection with the methodology applied for the identification of surplus and shortage occupations or groups of occupations in the labour market, discrimination based on sex should be prohibited in accordance with both national provisions and the provisions laid down by the relevant Regulation (i.e. recital 37)."