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Delegations will find attached a statement by the Latvian Delegation on the above Recommendation, for entry in the Council minutes.

Statement by the Latvian Delegation

on

Proposal for a Council Recommendation on a European Framework for Quality and Effective Apprenticeships

Latvia supports the measures proposed to improve the quality and effectiveness of apprenticeships across the EU.

With a view to implementation and to avoid misinterpretation, it is of importance to clarify the terminology used in the Council Recommendation. The term “apprenticeship” does not correspond to the terminology embedded in the national legislation of Latvia. The closest corresponding term to the content of this proposal in Latvian language is “*darba vidē balstītas mācības*”, which means “work-based learning”.

Terminology issues vis-à-vis Latvia were raised at the EMCO committee during the multilateral surveillance exercise when reviewing the Country Specific Recommendations. Broad agreement was reached that, as regards the situation and ongoing reforms in Latvia, the term “work-based learning” should be used.