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Subject:	Proposal for a Council Decision on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States - Adoption

1. On 22 November 2017, the Commission submitted a proposal for a Council Decision on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States, based on article 148(2) TFEU.
2. These guidelines were first adopted together as an integrated package in 2010, underpinning the Europe 2020 Strategy. The set of integrated guidelines proposed in 2015 aimed to reflect the new approach to economic policy making, built on investment, structural reform and fiscal responsibility, as set out in the Annual Growth Survey. Since the 2015 revision, the employment guidelines have been maintained stable. They are now being amended to align them with the principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights.
4. The European Council, at its meeting on 22-23 March 2018, considered the employment situation of the Union and adopted conclusions thereon.

5. The opinion of the Economic and Social Committee was adopted at its plenary of 14-15 March 2018. The Committee of the Regions decided not to issue an opinion.
 6. The Employment Committee (EMCO) transmitted its opinion on the employment guidelines to the Council, including the Social Protection Committee's (SPC) contribution on the social aspects of the guidelines. In their work, both committees took due consideration of the European Parliament's Opinion, which was adopted in its plenary session of 16-19 April 2018.
 7. At its session on 21 June 2018, the Council (EPSCO) reached a political agreement on the proposal contained in document 10088/18.
 9. The Permanent Representatives Committee invites the Council to adopt the draft Decision, as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts, set out in document 10464/18 as an "A" item at a forthcoming session.
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