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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: General Secretariat of the Council
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To: Delegations

Subject: Outcome of the Working Party on Fundamental Rights, Citizens' Rights and Free Movement of Persons (FREMP)

1. Conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence

With the exception of two delegations, the Code of Conduct was endorsed by the Working Party. The Presidency presented the two draft Council decisions on the conclusion (WK 8199/18 REV 2 and WK 8201/18 REV 2) which were acceptable for a majority of delegations. Three delegations said that they could not support them.

2. Draft Council Conclusions on the application of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights in 2017

10756/18 REV1

The Working Party examined a revised version of the draft Council conclusions as set out in 10756/1/18. The main outstanding issues were on the points on rule of law, role of the Venice Commission and LGBTI rights.

The Presidency would submit a new revised version to the meeting on 19 September.

3. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of persons reporting on breaches of Union law

The Working Party finished the examination of the articles. In the discussion, a number of delegations sought clarifications from the Commission on issues such as the relation of this Directive with other legal Union acts, the interaction with national security, professional secrecy or medical secrecy.

The inclusion of corporate taxation was discussed. Two delegations said that they were opposed to current provisions on this matter. Some delegations said that they had still to form their national positions.
