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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
On:	19 September 2018
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Outcome of the Working Party on Fundamental Rights, Citizens' Rights and Free Movement of Persons (FREMP)

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

The Working Party examined the new Presidency compromise proposal as set out in 10756/2/18 REV 2. The text was acceptable to a large majority of delegations. The two main outstanding issues concerned the two points on LGBTI and the point on hate speech and discrimination. Five delegations were against this change. The draft Council conclusions would be submitted for approval to Coreper and Council.

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

a) Proposals for Council Decisions

- on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence with regard to asylum and non-refoulement.

- on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence with regard to matters related to judicial cooperation in criminal matters

The Presidency presented the latest changes to the two draft Council decisions on the conclusion of the Istanbul Convention as set out in WK 8199/18 REV 2 and WK 8201/18 REV 2. The Presidency also updated delegations on the state of play of the file.

- b) Information from the Commission and possibility of Q&A session on the consequences of the EU accession to the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence

The Commission replied to some questions on how it foresaw the implementation of the Istanbul Convention.

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 Presidency presented the Note set out in 12191/18 which includes a summary of the examination of the articles during the first reading. The Presidency circulated WK 10535/18 with all the written comments received so far.

The Working Party proceeded to a general examination of the recitals.

In addition, the Commission replied to the written questions previously sent by delegations and explained how this Directive would be applied together with existing EU whistleblower legislation in the field of financial services.

The Presidency informed delegations that it would submit a revised text of the proposal for the next meeting on 19 October.

4. AOB

The Commission informed on the state of play on the Regulation on strengthening the security of identity cards of Union citizens and of residence documents issued to Union citizens and their family members exercising their right of free movement.
