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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. **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 completed the examination of the second compromise text by the Presidency as set out in doc. 14449/18. The discussions focused on the introduction of a new provision to avoid the burdening of the external channels with minor breaches, the conditions under which the Directive will provide protection to whistle-blowers going public, provisions on confidentiality and the implications of this proposal on criminal, civil, administrative and labour remedial procedures.

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

The Presidency proposed a solution to overcome the legal and political constraints on the way to the Union accession to the Istanbul Convention. The Working Party will revert to this issue at its next meeting.