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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: General Secretariat of the Council
On: 19 October 2018
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

a) Information of the Presidency on proceedings in the JURI Committee

The Presidency informed delegations on the exchange of views with Mrs. Virginie ROZIÈRE, EP rapporteur and stated that the parties would stay in contact.

b) Relation with the "Trade Secrets" Directive (Directive EU 2016/943)

The Commission gave a presentation on the relation of this proposal with the "Trade Secrets" Directive EU 2016/943. In the discussion that followed, six delegations asked for the inclusion of a public interest criteria in the text of this proposal similarly as it was agreed for the Trade Secrets Directive.

c) Discussion on the policy areas covered by the proposal

The Commission explained which areas of breaches of Union law fall within the scope of the Directive. Delegations asked for clarifications on the scope of the proposal.

d) Examination of Presidency revised draft text

The Presidency presented the latest changes introduced in the Commission proposal (12998/18). The Working Party proceeded with the general examination of the Articles. The Working Party will continue with the examination of the Presidency revised draft text at its next meetings.

2. Accession of the European Union to the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms.

The Commission presented a technical written contribution on the judicial review of acts on the part of the European Union in Common Foreign Security Policy (CFSP) matters (WK 12044/2018). Delegations asked for more time to scrutinise the solutions outlined by the Commission in its contribution.

3. AOB

The Presidency informed on the current status of the Accession of the EU to the Istanbul Convention.
