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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Draft DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directive 2004/37/EC on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work **(first reading)**  
- Adoption of the legislative act

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1. On 12 January 2017 the Commission sent the above proposal<sup>1</sup>, based on Article 153(2) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 31 May 2017<sup>2</sup>.
3. The Committee of the Regions was consulted.

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<sup>1</sup> 5251/17.

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 288, 31.8.2017, p. 56.

4. On 11 December 2018 the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council<sup>3</sup>.
5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 60/18, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with the United Kingdom voting against.

If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

After being signed by the President of the European Parliament and the President of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.



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<sup>3</sup> 15225/18.