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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 on transparent and predictable working conditions in the European Union (**first reading**)  
- Adoption of the legislative act

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1. On 21 December 2017 the Commission sent the above proposal<sup>1</sup>, based on Article 153(1)(b) and Article 153(2)(b) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 23 May 2018<sup>2</sup>.
3. The Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 5 July 2018<sup>3</sup>.
4. On 16 April 2019 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>4</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> 16018/17.

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 283, 10.8.2018, p. 39.

<sup>3</sup> OJ C 387, 25.10.2018, p. 53.

<sup>4</sup> 8441/19.

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 43/19, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with Austria, Belgium and Germany abstaining;
  - decide that the statements in the addendum to this note be entered in the minutes of that meeting.

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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