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| From: | General Secretariat of the Council |
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| To: | Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1) |
| Subject: | Attendance of EIGE at the Social Questions Working Party on 22 March 2023 |

The European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) is preparing a study entitled "Gender equality and gender mainstreaming in the COVID-19 recovery", which will serve as important background for a set of draft Council Conclusions on "Mainstreaming a gender equality perspective in policies, programmes and budgets" prepared by the Presidency.

On 22 March 2023, the Presidency intends to organise a meeting of the Social Questions Working Party to discuss the draft Conclusions. The Presidency intends to invite EIGE to present its report at the beginning of this meeting, before the Working Party begins its deliberations.

Against this background, the Committee of Permanent Representatives is invited to approve the attendance of two EIGE representatives at the beginning of the Social Questions Working Party meeting on 22 March 2023.

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¹ Conclusions drawn up within the context of the review of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action.