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

Subject: Draft DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on a European Year of Skills 2023 **(first reading)**
- Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 12 October 2022 the Commission submitted its proposal¹, based on Article 149 TFEU, to the Council.
2. The Committee of the Regions delivered its resolution on 1 December 2022².
3. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 15 December 2022³.

¹ 13365/22 + COR1.

² 15668/22.

³ OJ C 100, 16.3.2023, p. 123.

4. On 30 March 2023 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 Council⁴.
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 12/23, as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting, with Hungary abstaining.
6. The statement for the minutes of the Council meeting is set out in the Addendum to this note.
7. If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

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

⁴ 7799/23.