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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directive 2009/148/EC on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to asbestos at work (first reading) - Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 29 September 2022 the Commission submitted its proposal¹, based on Article 153(2), point (b), in conjunction with paragraph 1, point (a) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 15 December 2022².
3. The Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 16 March 2023³.
4. On 3 October 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.

¹ 12863/22 + ADD 1-4.

² OJ C 100, 16.3.2023, p. 118.

³ OJ C 188, 30.5.2023, p. 70.

⁴ 13634/23.

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 48/23, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with Bulgaria, Hungary and Poland 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*.
