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Subject: Proposal for a COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION on A Bridge to Jobs -
Reinforcing the Youth Guarantee and replacing Council Recommendation
of 22 April 2013 on establishing a Youth Guarantee

Delegations will find attached statements from Sweden, Poland, Hungary and Slovakia.

Statement from Sweden

Supporting job creation and social inclusion is important, therefore Sweden welcomes the reinforced Youth Guarantee as a valuable tool to support Member States in combatting youth unemployment. Sweden believes that recommendations should allow member states to organise work with respect for and in accordance with national circumstances and for instance regarding the age span of the unemployed young people in the Youth Guarantee.

With regards to the implementation of the recommendation, Sweden interprets the first part of the recommendation pertaining to the Youth Guarantee schemes as follows; implementation should consider the guidelines in the recommendation, structured around the four phases mapping, outreach, preparation and offer, and be organised with respect for and in accordance with national, regional and local circumstances and structures, paying attention to the gender and diversity of the young people who are being targeted.

Statement from Poland

Equality between women and men is enshrined in the Treaties of the European Union as a fundamental right. Poland ensures equality between women and men within the framework of the Polish national legal system in accordance with internationally binding human rights instruments and within the framework of fundamental values and principles of the European Union. For these reasons, in places, where the conclusions refer to gender equality, Poland will interpret it as equality between women and men, according to Article 8 TFEU.

Statement from Hungary

Hungary considers the Youth Guarantee an excellent tool for supporting the employment of young people throughout Europe and is fully committed to the implementation of the programme. Hungary remains dedicated to its commitments in the field of human rights, including the rights of young people. Hungary ensures these rights within the framework of the Hungarian national legal system in accordance with internationally binding human rights instruments and within the framework of fundamental values and principles of the European Union. In this context, Hungary interprets the term of “diversity” in recommendation (1) of the text in line with the content and scope of Article 22 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.

Statement from Slovakia

The Slovak Republic recognizes and promotes equality between men and women in accordance with the Constitution of the Slovak Republic and primary law of the European Union. In this context, the Slovak Republic interprets the concept of "gender" in the text of the Council Recommendation and Council Conclusions as reference to sex, and the concept of "gender equality" as reference to the equality between men and women.