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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 on the conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals for the purpose of highly qualified employment, and repealing Council Directive 2009/50/EC (**first reading**)
- Adoption of the legislative act
= Statement

Statement by Hungary

Hungary would like to emphasize its appreciation to the Presidency's efforts to preserve the core elements of the general approach, however, there are still elements in the proposal that are not in line with our position, especially concerning the protection of the labour market.

Hungary opposes any restriction on the application of labour market test beyond the provisions currently in force. We also oppose increasing the minimum period of validity of the Blue Card. Furthermore we would like to stress our strong position according to which Hungary does not consider either necessary or appropriate the further harmonisation of the relevant rules in the field of legal migration, and in this regard we would like to reiterate our position on legal migration in general.

We acknowledge that the reached compromise is the result of long lasting negotiations, however Hungary is not in a position to accept the final compromise, due to the aforementioned reasons.
