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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
Subject:	Attendance of third parties at the Working Party on Social Questions on 11 November 2026 - Approval

1. The Presidency intends to organise a meeting of the Working Party on Social Questions on 11 November 2026 to discuss the Proposal for a Council Directive on implementing the principle of equal treatment between persons irrespective of religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation.[1]
2. The Presidency also intends to invite outside speakers to the above meeting from the following civil society organisations:

   a) Age Platform Europe

   b) The European Region of the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association (ILGA Europe)

   c) The European Disability Forum

3. The above-mentioned third parties are to be invited as *outside speakers* and would *not participate in the deliberations* of the Working Party. They would instead provide background information in their respective areas of knowledge.

[1] Interinstitutional file number: 2008/0140 (CNS).

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4. Against this background, the Committee of Permanent Representatives is invited to approve the attendance of two representatives of Age Platform Europe, two representatives of ILGA Europe and two representatives of the European Disability Forum at the meeting of the Social Questions Working Party on 11 November 2026.

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