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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on European Union labour market statistics on businesses, repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 530/1999 and Regulations (EC) No 450/2003 and (EC) No 453/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council (first reading) - Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons

1. On 28 July 2023 the Commission submitted its proposal¹, based on Article 338(1) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Central Bank delivered its opinion on 24 November 2023².
3. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 24 April 2024³.

¹ 12258/23 + ADD 1 to 4.

² OJ C, C/2024/668, 12.01.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/C/2024/668/oj>.

³ 11134/24.

4. The Permanent Representatives Committee confirmed on 18 December 2024 the provisional agreement reached by the co-legislators on the above Regulation⁴, after informal contacts had taken place between the Council and the European Parliament.
 5. On 17 January 2025, the European Parliament's Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON) confirmed the provisional agreement and its Chair subsequently sent a letter to the Chair of the Permanent Representatives Committee stating that the European Parliament should, at its second reading, approve the Council's position at first reading (following a legal-linguistic revision) without amendments⁵.
 6. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to suggest that the Council adopt its position at first reading, as set out in 17082/24, and the statement of reasons, as set out in 17082/24 ADD 1, as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting.
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⁴ 16821/24.

⁵ 7010/25.