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'A' ITEM NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Council
Subject:	COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on the Draft Recommendation on equality and artificial intelligence
	- Adoption

- 1. On 19 September 2025, the Commission presented to the Council a proposal¹ based on Article 218(9) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union for a Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union on the Draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on equality and artificial intelligence.
- 2. The Recommendation is legally non-binding for the Member States of the Council of Europe. It covers matters falling within the competence of the Union.

¹ 12743/25

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- 3. The Working Party on Social Questions examined the proposal at its meetings on 23 and 30 September 2025 and on 14 October 2025. An informal written consultation on the Presidency compromise text set out in document 13361/1/25 REV 1 took place after the meeting of 14 October 2025.
- 4. On 29 October 2025, the Committee of Permanent Representatives examined the Presidency compromise text on the Council Decision as set out in document 14317/25 and agreed to submit it to the Council with a view to adoption.
- 5. The final version of the draft Council Decision, as agreed by the Committee of Permanent Representatives and finalised by the legal/linguistic experts, is set out in document 14722/25.
- 6. The adoption of the Council Decision needs to take place before the meeting of the joint plenary session of the Gender Equality Commission ('GEC') and the Steering Committee on Anti-discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion ('CDADI') that is going to take place in November 2025.
- 7. In light of the above, the Council is invited to:
 - adopt the Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on the Draft
 Recommendation on equality and artificial intelligence as set out in document 14722/25.
 - order the publication of the Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on the Draft Recommendation on equality and artificial intelligence in the Official Journal following its adoption by the Council.

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