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NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Delegations
Subject: Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF
THE COUNCIL on improving working conditions in platform work

Delegations will find attached a note from the incoming Czech Presidency for the Social Questions Working Party meeting on 14 July.

Note from the incoming Czech Presidency

In-depth targeted discussion on Chapters III and IV

On 14 July 2022, the upcoming Czech Presidency intends to organise a SQWP meeting on the Draft Directive on improving working conditions in platform work. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct an **in-depth discussion on Chapters III and IV** with the connected recitals.

In preparation for that meeting, the incoming Presidency has prepared two questions which rely on the first compromise draft of Article 1 (see document 8584/22) and are intended to facilitate a targeted discussion on Member States' preferences on the said Chapters. The delegations are invited to prepare their responses to these questions and present them at the Working Party meeting.

The compromise text in document 8584/22 specifies which groups of persons are affected by the twofold purpose of the Directive: on the one hand, the improvement of working conditions affects platform workers and, on the other hand, the improvement of protection regarding the processing of personal data affects natural persons performing platform work.

In this spirit, the delegations are invited to **reply to the following questions at the SQWP**:

- 1) In the light of the abovementioned amendment, which changes do delegations deem necessary in Chapters III and IV in order to highlight this twofold objective?
- 2) Do delegations deem adequate the extent to which the proposed Directive establishes rights in chapters III and IV to the self-employed persons (or more generally “persons performing platform work”)?

Following the exchange based on the provided questions, SQWP will continue with an in-depth **examination Article by Article** of Chapters III and IV and respective recitals (29-42). In case they do not agree with the Commission's text, the delegations will be invited to send in their **drafting suggestions** on those Chapters **after the meeting**.

Without prejudice to the interventions in the SQWP, the delegations are also encouraged to send in writing any **questions** they may have regarding Chapters III and IV and related recitals (29-42) by **Wednesday, 6 July** to michal.mara@mzv.cz, miroslav.fuchs@mzv.cz, zuzana.smolikova@mpsv.cz and life.social@consilium.europa.eu, so that sufficient time is allowed for analysing questions, comments and suggestions.