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Question for written answer E-000742/25
to the Council
Joanna Scheuring-Wielgus (S&D)
(18 February 2025)

Subject: Withdrawal of the horizontal equal treatment directive from the Commission's work programme owing to a lack of support in the Council

In light of the European Commission’s decision to withdraw the proposal for the horizontal equal treatment directive from the Commission's work programme owing to a lack of support from the Council:

1. Can the Council provide a detailed explanation of the reasons behind the withdrawal of support in the Council for the proposal, particularly regarding the challenges in securing agreement among the Member States in the Coreper?

2. What were the main arguments of the Member States that did not support the proposal for the directive?

3. What concrete actions do the Council and the Presidency plan to take to continue this important work and to seek unanimity in the Council?

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Reply
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Pending its possible withdrawal by the Commission, the proposal referred to by the Honourable Member remains under discussion within the Council. Unanimity following the consent of the European Parliament would be required for the directive to be adopted by the Council. The Council is not in a position to foresee the outcome or the duration of the discussions.

The latest progress report is set out in 10817/24.