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'I' ITEM NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
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Subject:	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL repealing Regulation (EU) No 524/2013 and amending Regulations (EU) 2017/2394 and (EU) 2018/1724 with regards to the discontinuation of the European ODR Platform - Political agreement

I. INTRODUCTION

1. On 17 October 2023, the Commission submitted to the Council and the European Parliament a proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council repealing Regulation (EU) No 524/2013 and amending Regulations (EU) 2017/2394 and (EU) 2018/1724 with regards to the discontinuation of the European ODR Platform¹.

¹ Doc. 14451/23.

2. The proposal forms part of the Commission’s commitment to rationalise and simplify reporting requirements, with the aim to reduce such burdens by 25%, without undermining the related policy objectives, as stated in its Communication on ‘Long-term competitiveness of the EU: looking beyond 2030’². It aims to repeal the ODR Regulation, thus discontinuing the ODR platform and removing the associated obligations.
3. The draft Directive is based on Article 114 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) (ordinary legislative procedure).
4. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 14 February 2024³.
5. The European Parliament adopted its first-reading position⁴ by taking over the Commission proposal at the plenary session on 13 March 2024 and forwarded its position to the Council.

II. WORK CONDUCTED IN THE COUNCIL PREPARATORY BODIES

6. On 28 November 2023, during the Spanish Presidency, the Commission presented the proposal and the accompanying impact assessment to the Working Party on Consumer Protection and Information, and a first exchange of views took place. The examination of the proposal began under the Belgian Presidency and continued under the Hungarian Presidency in parallel to the discussions on the proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2013/11/EU on alternative dispute resolution for consumer disputes⁵.
7. On 12 September 2024 the Working Party on Consumer Protection and Information concluded its examination of the Commission proposal, without making any amendments to the text.

² Doc. 7604/23.

³ Doc. 6964/24.

⁴ Doc. 10617/24.

⁵ Doc. 14434/23.

III. CONCLUSION

8. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to confirm the agreement reached at technical level not to make any amendments to the Commission proposal, subject to legal-linguistic revision.

Following this political agreement, the text will be sent for lawyer-linguist revision with a view to the next procedural steps for its adoption by the co-legislators.
