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Objet : FW: Council Conclusions on the Disability Rights Strategy 2021-2030

Bonjour Olivier,

En ajoutant à l'email général que je viens d'envoyer, voici un e-mail j'ai envoyé à la Représentation Permanente de la Belgique à propos des Conclusions du Conseil sur la Stratégie en faveur des droits des personnes handicapées. Nous avons compris qu'ils voulaient introduire un changement sur l'emploi et l'aménagement raisonnable qui n'a pas été accepté par la Présidence.

De ce que j'ai compris, les négociations sont presque finis et il ne reste pas beaucoup de possibilité de changer le texte mais peut-être vous pouvez quand même essayer avec le Ministère si nous pouvons soutenir leur proposition dans une manière ou une autre.

La prochaine réunion sera déjà le 11 mai, donc je comprends que c'est un délai très court mais même un coup de fil suffira à mon avis.

Merci en avance, bonne journée,

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Subject: Council Conclusions on the Disability Rights Strategy 2021-2030

Dear Ms Fastre,

I'm contacting you about the draft Council Conclusions on the European Disability Rights Strategy which is being discussed by the Social Questions Working Party of the Council. These Council Conclusions are extremely important for the disability movement and we would like the Council to reflect this to make the document useful for the years to come.

As we understood, Belgium is in favour of strengthening the draft by proposing references to independent living and reasonable accommodation at the work place. We support this of course very much, as well as some additional changes which are still missing (see our recommendations attached).

If there is anything we can do to further push for including the references mentioned above please let us know. We would also appreciate it if you considered our additional recommendations.

Best regards,

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Objet : RE: Council Conclusions on the Disability Rights Strategy - EDF recommendations

Dear members,

Thank you already to those who sent letters and contacted your Ministries, here is a short update about the Council Conclusions on the Disability Strategy:

Unfortunately only very few of our recommendations were included and of those, also only minor ones. The document stays very superficial and it will be difficult to change this at this point. The next meeting of the Social Questions Working Party is on 11 May. I'm attaching the latest version of the text in case you don't have it.

If you can it would be great if you could check with your contacts in the Ministry again to see if they can make a proposal for the next meeting, so **before 11 May**. It would be especially important to have something on the disability coordinator in the Council, their participation in the new Disability Platform, and the interinstitutional coordination mechanism (see again the summary of recommendations that concern the Council as an institution directly).

Thank you again, best regards,

Marie

Here is a summary of our main recommendations that concern the Council specifically:

The Council should

- **nominate its disability coordinator**, as foreseen in the Strategy, and make it publicly known.
- **be part of the Disability Platform**.
- call for the **establishment of a CRPD unit in the European Commission** to ensure coordination of the CRPD at the EU level; this CRPD unit is still missing from the Strategy. Without human and financial resources within the Commission, or the establishment of a strong and influential CRPD focal point, it is hard to see how the implementation of the strategy will be achieved.
- call for the establishment of an **interinstitutional coordination mechanism** between the Commission, the Parliament and the Council. It can be launched by a meeting of the

Presidents of these three institutions to discuss action on disability issues at the highest level and to commit to action.

- call upon the Commission to initiate its work with the Council to **update the EU declaration of competences** with regards to matters governed by the CRPD as recommended by the CRPD Committee in 2015 and included in the Strategy.
- commit to follow-up on **actions for Member States** which are part of the Strategy- in particular the urgent need to adopt horizontal anti-discrimination legislation which will protect persons with disabilities against discrimination in all areas of life.
- prioritise the **right to vote** and to political participation in the next EU elections, and commit to adopting changes in EU electoral law to ensure this.
- make reference to **the flagship initiatives**, highlighting next steps from the Council to support their full implementation.
- Require an **external Disability Action Plan** to guide the work of the EU in combating all forms of discrimination in its global work and support the implementation of the UNCRPD.

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