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Onderwerp: IMPORTANT information from the Secretariat (COVID-19 & AC)

Dear delegations,

As announced last week the Commission adopted today a Communication presenting "Guidelines concerning the exercise of the free movement of workers".

LINK: https://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?langId=en&catId=89&furtherNews=yes&newsId=9630 and delivered a message from President Von der Leyen: https://audiovisual.ec.europa.eu/en/video/l-187533

These guidelines are further to the Guidelines of border management to protect health and ensure the availability of goods and essential services C(2020) 1753 final and follow the call of the European Council of last week. They aim at ensuring that mobile workers, in particular those in critical occupations to fight the coronavirus pandemic, can reach their workplace.

Please feel free to share these Guidelines. They will soon be made available in all official languages. Some practical Questions and Answers should be also available soon.

We would like to thank the delegations which have sent us their input to our questionnaire on measures taken under current circumstances and remind that we are still awaiting the response from other delegations, so that all delegations can be aware of the situation in all 32 countries to address the issues more accurately and in the best targeted way.

Please be informed that the 5.1.2a 5.1.2a delegations expressed their willingness to lead the preparations of a document of the Administrative Commission on the COVID-19 issues in cooperation with the Secretariat. We will be coming back to you in the coming days with further information on the proposed approach.

Best regards, The Secretariat