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to: Council (Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs)  
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Subject: **Proposal for a Council Decision on Guidelines for the Employment Policies of  
the Member States: Part II of the Europe 2020 Integrated Guidelines  
- Adoption**

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Delegations will find in the Annex a draft statement, to be entered in the Council's minutes when the abovementioned Decision is adopted.

**Draft Statement to be entered in the Council's minutes by Cyprus**

**RE recital 8**

Cyprus fully supports the philosophy enshrined in recital 8 of the Council Decision on the Guidelines for the Employment Policies of the Member States.

However, for reasons of principle, Cyprus would like to note for the record that in addition to the various exit strategies referred to in recital 8 of the Decision, there should also be a reference to the need to ensure and safeguard social cohesion through these proposed measures.

Cyprus believes that the EU would be true to its mission to act as a guardian of Europe's Social Dimension only by ensuring that while carrying out the most needed fiscal and macroeconomic reforms and enhancing "labour market performance", the need to ensure social cohesion is fully respected. This is essential, in order not only to uphold the role of EPSCO but also to ensure that it has a more prominent role in the governance of the EU 2020 Strategy.

Cyprus stands firmly behind any initiative that enhances and strengthens Member States' Social Cohesion and the Union's Social Dimension and, most certainly, the protection of its citizens. This must be an integral part of any effort to achieve sustainable fiscal and macroeconomic reforms.

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