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From: [REDACTED]
To: Working Party on Development Cooperation
Subject: European Consensus on Development - Presidency revised draft
- Comments by [REDACTED]

In view of CODEV on 23 February, delegations will find enclosed, for information, comments from [REDACTED] on the revised proposal for the new European Consensus on Development.

COMMENTS BY [REDACTED] on Sections 1 – 2.2

[REDACTED] proposes a standalone paragraph on disability. The new text is highlighted.

30. The EU and its Member States will give special attention to the most disadvantaged and vulnerable and marginalised groups, including children, the elderly, persons with disabilities, LGBTI and indigenous peoples. This will include measures to better target, protect and support these groups in order to offer them the same opportunities and rights as everyone else, in line with the principle of leaving no-one behind.

31. **An estimated one billion people across the global have a disability, 80% of whom live in developing countries. People with disabilities are often the poorest in their communities, facing significant levels of stigma and discrimination.** The EU and its Member States will take into account the specific needs of persons with disabilities in their development cooperation. They will vigorously promote the rights of persons with disabilities and take stronger measures, including strengthening disability data, to ensure their full inclusion in society and their equal participation in the labour market.