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Delegations will find attached a note from the Portuguese delegation on the above subject, with a view to the EPSCO Council on 3 March 2017 (AOB item).

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## UNECE International Conference, Lisbon, 21-22 September

### *A sustainable society for all ages: Realising the potential of living longer*

Portugal will host the next UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing - *A sustainable society for all ages: Realizing the potential of living longer* - in Lisbon (21st and 22nd of September). The aim is to convene the responsible ministers of the 56 Member States of UNECE (United Nations Economic Commission for Europe) and relevant entities, such as the United Nations, the European Commission and the International Labour Organisation.

In April 2002, the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPPA) was adopted within the framework of the United Nations *to respond to the opportunities and challenges of population ageing in the twenty-first century and to promote the development of a society for all ages*. Following this Plan, UNECE Member States adopted a regional strategy in Berlin, September 2002, in order to focus on the specificities of the demographic and economic situation in the region (RIS).

Every five years, countries of the UNECE region undertake an analysis of the current state of implementation of MIPAA/RIS and of the actions required to allow for further progress. The first two reviews and evaluation cycles of the implementation of MIPPA / RIS were concluded by the Ministerial Conferences held in 2007 in León (Spain) and in 2012 in Vienna (Austria).

Portugal will now be organising the IV Conference on Ageing, closing the 3rd cycle of revision and evaluation of the Regional Strategy. As a deliverable, Ministers will adopt the *Lisbon Ministerial Declaration*, which will include the guidelines for the actions to be undertaken in the next 5 year period.

Ageing is recognised by all as one of the most important challenges of our time. Therefore, the implementation of this initiative, as well as its role in setting out the future work actions in this area, undoubtedly holds key relevance.

In this context, it is of utmost importance that national delegations are represented at high level. PT would therefore like to take this opportunity to call on EPSCO Ministers to attend and also to provide additional information.