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Joint statement
on the
Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL
amending Directive 2004/37/EC
on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure
to carcinogens or mutagens at work

The general approach on the amendment of the Directive on Carcinogens and Mutagens constitutes a step forward in improving the health and safety at the workplace.

However, to reach an acceptable level of protection in the European Union against the exposure to carcinogens, we recognise that further progress needs to be made on the limit value for Chromium VI.

In view of scientific findings, we consider that the proposed limit value for Chromium VI should be lower to offer even better protection for workers: the residual cancer risk associated with the proposed value is too high. Therefore, all efforts to lower the value for Chromium VI in the work ahead are strongly encouraged and supported.

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