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*Committee on Employment and Social Affairs*

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# AMENDMENTS

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**Draft report**  
**Marita Ulvskog**  
(PE549.111v01-00)

on the draft Council decision establishing the Social Protection Committee and  
repealing Decision 2004/689/EC

Proposal for a decision  
(05126/2015 – C8-0025/2015 – 2015/0802(CNS))

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## Amendment 1

Ivo Vajgl

### Proposal for a decision

#### Recital 3

##### *Text proposed by the Council*

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**Amendment 2**  
**Ivo Vajgl**

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