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Subject: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European system of national and regional accounts in the European Union (ESA 2010)  
= *Approval of the final compromise text*  
- Statement by Slovenia

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Delegations will find attached a statement by Slovenia on the above subject to be entered in the minutes of Coreper.

Encl.:

**STATEMENT BY SLOVENIA**

"Slovenia shares from the very beginning the main objective of the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European System of National and Regional Accounts in the European Union (ESA 2010). Large majority of concerns that Slovenia expressed towards the Commission's proposal was addressed during procedure so far. The compromise is thus almost fully satisfactory for Slovenia.

However, according to the current Regulation (Regulation ESA 1995, Regulation No. 2223/1996) Slovenia has so-called permanent derogations for the transmission of the following statistics: GDP by the output approach at current prices, quarterly, for years 1995-1999; employment in hours worked, for years 1995-1999; financial accounts, for years 1995-2001; government expenditure by function, for years 1995-1999. Slovenia will do its best to compile the missing statistics and fill the gaps but this will not be possible for all mentioned data. This relates in particular to financial accounts and government expenditure by function. Data sources needed to compile mentioned statistics are not available and they cannot be created for the past. Consequently, Slovenia will never be in a position to compile these statistics and to comply with requirements of the Regulation. Therefore, we cannot support the compromise text."

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