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From: General Secretariat of the Council

To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Border Surveillance System (EUROSUR) **(first reading)**

- Adoption of the legislative act (**LA + S**)
- = Statement

Statement by the Council

EUROSUR will contribute to improving the protection and the saving of lives of migrants. The Council recalls that search and rescue at sea is a competence of the Member States which they exercise in the framework of international conventions.