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= Statement

## **Statement by Poland**

### on performance reserve, framework, and review

"Poland strongly supports the performance framework, review as well as the performance reserve which now - by the decision of the Presidency - is being negotiated within the Friends of Presidency for the Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020. Poland believes that the performance reserve is an integral part of the implementation of cohesion policy and is a positive incentive for Member States to effectively and efficiently implement the funds of the Common Strategic Framework and thus is in the position that all elements of the performance mechanism shall be discussed together.

Therefore, Poland proposes to remain the possibility to come back to the discussion on the performance framework after the decision of the General Affairs Council on the obligatory performance reserve is taken and when discussing indicators during the Cypriot Presidency.

From the beginning of negotiations on the cohesion policy legislative package, Poland has been calling for more result-oriented cohesion policy and regular open political debate on the progress on the implementation of the strategic objectives. Having that in mind, Poland with difficulty accepts the fact that the proposal on the performance framework has been weakened as a majority of Member States do not notice the value added of this mechanism. However, Poland is going to keep its strong favorable position on the performance framework and reserve, and therefore, believes that the performance reserve will remain obligatory and other Member States which support better spending would take a more open approach towards this mechanism at the further steps of the negotiations."

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