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

Statement by Italy

Italy has always been in favor of the regulation on European statistics on demography since the beginning of the discussion. This is confirmed by the very active role that Italian representatives have played at the meetings of the Eurostat working group on Population and Census and of the Council Working Party on Statistics, held from autumn 2009 onwards.

Having said that, Italy opposed - and continues to oppose - the text of the regulation emerged from the 19-July meeting of the Council Working Party on Statistics, as evidenced by the scrutiny reservation entered on the entire dossier.

The reasons why Italy does not agree on the 19-July version of the Regulation are twofold: firstly, the definition of “usually resident population” which conflicts with the legislation in force in Italy (Regulation on population registry) and does not ensure consistency with the other European demographic regulations already in force (i.e. Regulation 862/2007 on migration and the 763/2008 national census); secondly, the *de facto* removal of the article on derogations (i.e. Art 8a, approved by the Council in summer 2012 and replaced by Art7a on feasibility studies).

Statement by the Republic of Croatia

Croatia has already expressed that it generally supports the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on European demographic statistics.

Nevertheless, Croatia would like to stress that it will not be able to meet the full scope of obligations as defined in Article 3 of the abovementioned Proposal for a Regulation.

Data on live births by mother’s country of birth and data on deaths by country of birth have not been collected for the first reference year, i.e. 2013. Thus, a delivery of specified data will not be possible.

The Republic of Croatia will introduce these two variables to the existing statistical surveys, making the data available from 2014 reference year onwards.
