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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 concerning the exercise of the Union's rights for the application and enforcement of international trade rules (**first reading**)
- Adoption of the legislative act (**LA + S**)
= Statement

Statement by Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Germany, Finland, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and the UK on the possible inclusion of services counter-measures within the scope of the Enforcement Regulation

Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Germany, Finland, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and the UK have accepted the provision in Article 10 of the Enforcement Regulation for an early and specific review of the case for the inclusion of “additional commercial policy measures suspending concessions or other obligations in the field of trade in services”.

This acceptance does not, however, represent agreement that the ultimate intention should be the inclusion of such measures within the scope of the Regulation.

Any review must be objective in its evaluation considering without any predetermined outcome the arguments for and against inclusion of additional commercial policy measures in the field of trade in services. This must include, inter alia, the practical difficulties inherent in taking services counter-measures.
