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From: General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on measures to reduce the cost of deploying high-speed electronic communications networks (**first reading**)
- Adoption of the legislative act (**LA + S**)
= Statement

Statement by Latvia

Latvia supports initiatives under the flagship initiative “Digital agenda for Europe” to reap the benefits of a competitive digital single market. Latvia shares the aim of the proposed Directive to facilitate deployment of a high-speed infrastructure which is necessary to create a single digital market and therefore supports the compromise achieved on the draft Directive. However, Latvia would like to emphasise that Member States should be given appropriate timeframe for implementation of the requirements of the Directive, considering that establishing dispute settlement mechanism will be a complex process and will require significant financial resources.