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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 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (**first reading**)

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

Statement by Denmark, Austria, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, Finland and the United Kingdom

Denmark, Austria, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, Finland and the United Kingdom agree that it is of decisive importance that the increase in payments caused by the amendments to the Council general approach in the final compromise on the cohesion legislative package as regards the performance reserve and advances can be managed within the payments ceilings as stated repeatedly by the Commission during the negotiations.