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Subject: Commission delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 31.3.2015 amending Annexes III, V and VII of Regulation No 211/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the citizens' initiative

- Intention not to raise objections to a delegated act
- *Statement by the Estonian delegation*

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**Statement by the Estonian delegation**

"Estonia considers that the delegated Regulation on Annexes III, V and VII of Regulation No 211/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the citizens' initiative (ECI regulation), as presented by the European Commission, does not help to improve the conditions of implementing the Citizens` Initiative in Estonia.

Despite of Estonia`s active engagement in the process of discussing the possible amendments, the proposed delegated regulation does not offer sufficient support in tackling the low verification rate of the statements of support in Estonia.

Today the majority of Member States prefer to use part B of the Annex III of the Statement of Support Form of the Regulation (instead of parts A and C). Estonia suggested to be categorised also in part B of Annex II, as the identification number is widely used in Estonia.

Estonia agrees with the concerns addressed by the Commission in the report on the application of ECI regulation (COM(2015) 145 final), especially that the divergences between the conditions and personal data required in different Member States are of concern. However, during the past three years, only one Member State changed from using part B to part A of the Annex III.

Estonia is convinced that the implementation of the ECI regulation could benefit largely from a preference for electronic procedures, including the use of e-signatures, both at national and at European level. Estonia also considers that the implementation of the ECI regulation could reflect more the principles set out in the e-Signature Directive and in the Digital Agenda for Europe."

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