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Subject: Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States as regards the accessibility requirements for products and services
- Statement by Germany

Delegations will find attached a statement by Germany to be inserted in the minutes of the Coreper (Part 1) meeting on 19 December.

Statement by Germany

The Federal Republic of Germany gives its approval to the draft Directive in the understanding that the mandatory accessibility requirements according to Annex I pursuant to Article 21 (1) of the draft Directive must only be addressed by contracting authorities for those products and services which are listed in Article 1 of the draft directive. For all other products and services which contracting authorities must procure barrier-free in accordance with Directive 2014/24/EU and Directive 2014/25/EU, Article 21 (2) of the draft Directive merely provides the legal presumption that the obligation in accordance with Directive 2014/24/EU and Directive 2014/25/EU is fulfilled if the accessibility requirements are addressed pursuant to Annex I of the draft Directive. However, this does not exclude the possibility that the accessibility requirements under Directives 2014/24/EU and 2014/25/EU may also be fulfilled by requirements other than those set out in Annex I of the draft Directive.