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From: BG, CZ, DK, EE, FR, DE, IE, IT, NL, PT, ES delegations
To: Council

Subject: Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the enforcement of the Directive 2006/123/EC on services in the internal market, laying down a notification procedure for authorisation schemes and requirements related to services, and amending Directive 2006/123/EC and Regulation (EU) No 1024/2012 on administrative cooperation through the Internal Market Information System
- Information from the above delegations

Delegations will find in annex a Note of Bulgaria, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal and Spain on the proposal for a Directive on the notifications procedure in services, in view of the Competitiveness Council on 18 February 2019.

**Note of Bulgaria, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy,
the Netherlands, Portugal and Spain on the proposal for a Directive
on the notifications procedure in services**

The European Council stressed in its conclusions on the Single Market from December 2018 the need for removing “*remaining unjustified barriers, in particular in the field of services, as well as to prevent any new barriers and any risk of fragmentation*”.

The currently negotiated proposal for a new notification procedure for services is an important legislative file aiming at delivering on the abovementioned call. The proposal seeks to establish an improved procedure for Member States and the Commission to work in partnership to prevent the introduction of discriminatory, unjustified and disproportionate barriers related to cross border trade in services in the Single Market.

Mindful of the political importance of the file and the latest discussions last December on a proposal tabled by these Member States, we would like to ask the Romanian Presidency to include an item on the agenda of the upcoming meeting of the Competitiveness Council on February 18th, 2019 on the state of play under the A.O.B. points under current legislative proposals so the Council is able to reflect on the dossier and stress the political commitment to achieve an agreement.
