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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on a Single Market For Digital Services and amending Directive 2000/31/EC (Digital Services Act) **(first reading)**

- Adoption of the legislative act
- Statement

Statement by the Commission

The Commission acknowledges the importance of competitiveness, innovation and investment in digital services, in particular with regard to micro, small and medium sized enterprises and start-ups. For that purpose, the Commission is committed to facilitate compliance with the Digital Services Act by micro, small and medium sized enterprises and start-ups, notably through mobilising relevant programmes in favour of innovation, deployment of digital technologies and standardisation.