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Subject: Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on European business statistics, repealing 10 legal acts in the field of business statistics (**first reading**)  
- Adoption of the legislative act  
= Statement

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**Statement by the Czech Republic**

The Czech Republic supports the general principles of the FRIBS and welcomes a number of aspects of the compromise text. However, it is negatively affected by the speed of negotiation process.

The Czech Republic remains convinced that the proposed wording of Article 7(6) is vague and ambiguous. It creates room for increasing administrative burden. We consider setting an exact definition of ceiling for the total number of variables as extremely important and it should be stated clearly in the text.

The Czech Republic is of a strong opinion that a general topic “Environment and Climate” introduced as a pilot study by Article 20 exceeds the scope of the Regulation and belongs to a specific sectoral legislation.

Due to these reasons we cannot wholly embrace and support the compromise text and we will abstain from the vote.

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