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Subject: Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing the 'Fiscalis' programme for cooperation in the field of taxation and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1286/2013 (**first reading**)  
- Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons  
= Statement

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**Statement by the Council**

The Council notes the interest of the Parliament for more transparency concerning the implementation of EU legislation in the field of fighting against tax fraud, tax evasion and tax avoidance. Within the context of the Treaties legal framework ruling inter-institutional relations, the Council recognises the added value of holding annual exchanges of views with the European Parliament and the Commission on the lessons learnt from the Fiscalis Programme, based on the Commission's annual progress reports.