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Eurojust  
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Delegations will find in annex a statement issued by Italy for the purpose of being included in the minutes of Coreper (Part 2) (meeting on 18 December 2019).

**Council Implementing Decision approving the Rules of Procedure of Eurojust  
Statement by Italy**

Italy regrets that its proposed addition to the text of the rules of procedure has not been accepted.

As we have highlighted on several occasions, we regret the lack of any reference to the operational rules in the text of the current proposal. These rules could have been used to ensure the operational functioning of the body. The current proposal for the rules of procedure, which covers only management aspects of the agency, fails to consider the operational aspects and is not consistent with the spirit and the letter of Regulation 2018/1727.

We also regret the lack of any reference to rules concerning the national desks in the text of the current proposal.

The concept of a national desk should have been included and regulated, at least in terms of its essential components, in the rules of procedure of Eurojust. The national desk is a central aspect of the operational dimension of the agency, and these new rules of procedure would have been the appropriate place to clarify and include its definition, precisely to supplement Regulation 2018/1727 in which the national desk is mentioned several times.

Consequently, Italy notes that an important opportunity has been lost to fully and exhaustively regulate Eurojust, its key bodies and its operational mechanisms.

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