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Delegations will find attached a statement by the Commission in relation to the above-mentioned subject.

The Commission welcomes the draft Council Resolution and the draft Council Recommendation and the attention given to the blueprint for a European degree and the European quality assurance and recognition system, which are key contributors to ensure that our education and training systems have the right tools to prepare Europeans of all generations for a fast-changing future, through high quality and inclusive education, training and lifelong learning. The Commission takes note of the Council's request for the next steps and will give it due attention. However, the Commission reserves the right to respond in accordance with the rules of the Treaty, with due regard in particular to its right of initiative and taking account of the budgetary and human resources available to it.
