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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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In document ST 15020/24 INIT, on page 3, in the first sentence of subparagraph A, the word “policy” should be added after “EU’s space”. Therefore, the subparagraph A. Technological Sovereignty and Strategic Autonomy " should read:

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