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#### 'I/A' ITEM NOTE

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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing the European Defence Industry Programme and a framework of measures to ensure the timely availability and supply of defence products ('EDIP Regulation') <b>(first reading)</b> - Adoption of the legislative act = Statements

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#### **Greece has requested that the following statement be entered in the Council minutes**

Greece remains firmly committed to strengthening the European Union's defence readiness, resilience, and capability development. In this context, we have consistently supported the establishment of a strong European defence industry, to strengthen the EU's strategic autonomy, without dependencies from third non like-minded parties.

In this regard, we wish to underline that, in the absence of a comprehensive and robust control framework in place, the existing text may allow for the participation of third countries, or third country entities, which could affect the defence and security interests of the Union and its Member States.

Nonetheless, in a spirit of flexibility and constructive approach, Greece will not vote against - nor abstain from - the final draft of the EDIP Regulation, provided that our relevant concerns be properly addressed in the course of its implementation.

**Hungary has requested that the following statement be entered in the Council minutes**

While supporting the objective of the Regulation, Hungary considers it essential to record the following in relation to the Ukraine Support Instrument (USI):

Hungary supports all efforts aimed at launching substantive negotiations toward a sustainable, stable peace that guarantees the long-term security of the European continent. Hungary believes that with the start of the peace negotiations, led by the United States, the conflict has entered a new phase to which the EU needs to adapt its policy-making.

In light of the above, and in line with its longstanding commitment to peace, Hungary does not support the creation of new EU financial instruments that contribute militarily to the war in Ukraine and endangers the success of peace negotiations, therefore Hungary abstains from the adoption of the EDIP Regulation.

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