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Delegations will find attached a joint statement from Austria and Germany to be included in the minutes of the Transport, Telecommunication and Energy Council

Statement for the minutes by Austria and Germany

Shipping in the context of the EU industrial maritime strategy

It should be noted at the outset that, at European level, Euratom is exclusively responsible for regulatory and technical issues relating to nuclear technologies and nuclear safety requirements.

Any application of nuclear technologies requires ensuring the highest standards of nuclear safety, security and safeguards. In doing so, due priority must be given to nuclear safety in line with IAEA safety standards and the Euratom framework, while respecting national competences in regulating nuclear technologies in this context. This must also apply to maritime shipping and alternative propulsion systems using nuclear energy.

A qualified reference to corresponding requirements and standards in relation to nuclear technologies would therefore also have been necessary in the conclusions.

Without prejudice to the existing reservations, the conclusions are supported in the spirit of an overall compromise.
