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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject:	Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EC) No 1367/2006 on the application of the provisions of the Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters to Community institutions and bodies (first reading) - Adoption of the legislative act = Statements

Joint statement by Luxembourg, Austria and Denmark

In a spirit of compromise, Luxembourg, Austria and Denmark can accept the agreement on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1367/2006.

However, Luxembourg, Austria and Denmark regret that the issue of State aids was not addressed in this file and that important provisions were introduced at the trilogue phase without proper assessment or analysis.

Luxembourg, Austria and Denmark recall that the Aarhus Convention is an emblematic instrument for environmental democracy.

The European Union and its Member States must continue to show a high level of ambition in this respect, including in the light of pending compliance cases.
