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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	<p>Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on type-approval requirements for motor vehicles and their trailers, and systems, components and separate technical units intended for such vehicles, as regards their general safety and the protection of vehicle occupants and vulnerable road users, amending Regulation (EU) 2018/858 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Regulations (EC) No 78/2009, (EC) No 79/2009 and (EC) No 661/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Regulations (EC) No 631/2009, (EU) No 406/2010, (EU) No 672/2010, (EU) No 1003/2010, (EU) No 1005/2010, (EU) No 1008/2010, (EU) No 1009/2010, (EU) No 19/2011, (EU) No 109/2011, (EU) No 458/2011, (EU) No 65/2012, (EU) No 130/2012, (EU) No 347/2012, (EU) No 351/2012, (EU) No 1230/2012 and (EU) 2015/166 (first reading)</p> <p>- Adoption of the legislative act = Statement</p>

Statement for the minutes by the Federal Republic of Germany

Germany agrees with the draft Regulation given that it includes numerous measures which may help to significantly improve road safety. However, we still consider it irresponsible that the present Regulation will not be applied until 30 months after its entry into force. In our view, the use of blind spot information systems in particular should become mandatory much sooner, as such systems could contribute significantly towards reducing the number of fatal accidents involving vulnerable road users – especially cyclists and pedestrians – on European roads.
