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Subject: COMMISSION DELEGATED DECISION of 15.9.2015 supplementing
Decision No 1104/2011/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council
as regards the common minimum standards to be complied with by the
competent PRS authorities

- Intention not to raise objection to a delegated act
- Statement by the Council

Delegations will find attached a statement from the Council to be entered in the minutes of the
Permanent Representatives Committee and of the Council.

Statement by the Council

"The Council reaffirms the strategic importance of the system established under the Galileo programme, currently under deployment, and of the precise objectives of all aspects of the programme. One of its services, the Public Regulated Service (PRS), is restricted to government-authorized users for specific applications that require a high level of service continuity. The European Union has provided for the possibility for certain third countries and international organisations to become PRS participants through specific agreements concluded with them. In this respect, the Council believes that the Norwegian and US requests for access to the PRS service should be addressed promptly, and therefore supports the rapid simultaneous opening of negotiations as soon as the two relevant mandates have been adopted by the Council. The Council calls for these agreements to allow Norway, as closely associated European partner hosting important Galileo ground infrastructure, and the United States, operating the NAVSTAR GPS, to access the PRS service, and underlines the importance of establishing a fruitful bilateral cooperation. Furthermore, the cooperation with the US should seek to promote optimal interoperability of Galileo and GPS taking into account financial and operational constraints."
