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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directive 2009/103/EC relating to insurance against civil liability in respect of the use of motor vehicles, and the enforcement of the obligation to insure against such liability <b>(first reading)</b> - Adoption of the legislative act = Statement

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**Statement by the Commission**

The Commission remains committed to defend a high degree of protection of victims in the context of the Motor Insurance Directive. Our objective is to ensure that victims, including in cross-border situations, are compensated as swiftly as possible and are not subject to disproportionate procedural requirements that might hamper their access to compensation. The effectiveness of compensation largely depends on whether it is done in timely manner. We note in this respect the concerns repeatedly expressed by the European Parliament as regards differences across Member States in relation to limitation periods, i.e. the relevant timespan during which an injured party may address a claim. The Commission will consider this issue carefully and examine possible remedies in order to further strengthen the protection of victims, should the evidence show that action at Union level is warranted.