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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject:	Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Disability Card and the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities <i>- Statement by German delegation</i>

Delegations will find attached a statement by German delegation in relation to the above proposal.

Statement by the Federal Republic of Germany on the general approach on the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Disability Card and the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities

Germany is committed to keeping the costs of the European Disability Card low. In light of its experience with the German Disability Card, Germany does not see any particular risk of abuse that would justify major technical efforts and security measures for the European Disability Card. This should be taken into account during further negotiations and when adopting the necessary implementing acts. In particular, no holograms, chips or the like, which would make the production of the cards more expensive, should be made mandatory.

In Germany, blind people are also entitled to receive an EU Parking Card. In order to enable blind people to use the EU Parking Card, in the further negotiations Germany will also advocate for Braille lettering on the EU Parking Card so that people with visual impairments can distinguish it from other cards.
