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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down supply chain due diligence obligations for Union importers of tin, tantalum and tungsten, their ores, and gold originating from conflict-affected and high-risk areas - Adoption of the legislative act ( <b>LA + S</b> ) = Statement

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**Statement by Belgium**

Recalling that metals, as defined in this Regulation, can be extracted from other raw materials than from ores and minerals, as specified in Annex I, part A, Belgium considers that economic operators extracting metals from other raw materials and adhering to the due diligence requirements of this Regulation as specified in article 8 of the Regulation shall be recognized as responsible smelters if the due diligence system that they apply is recognized by the Commission in application of article 9, and that they shall be treated equally to other economic operators pursuing the same economic purpose.