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To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	a) Draft Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the Bilateral Agreement between the European Union and the United States of America on prudential measures regarding insurance and reinsurance - Adoption
	b) Draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Bilateral Agreement between the European Union and the United States of America on prudential measures regarding insurance and reinsurance
	- Request for the consent of the European Parliament
	= Statement

The following statement is to be entered into the minutes of the Permanent Representatives Committee and of the Council:

Statement by the Commission

As regards the change of the substantive legal basis for the Council Decisions on the EU-US Agreement on insurance and reinsurance, put forward by the Council, the Commission does not object to this change in order to allow for the swift signature, provisional application and conclusion of this Agreement.

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Nevertheless, the Commission considers that Article 207 TFEU only is the legally appropriate substantive legal basis for these Decisions and that therefore the Commission's non-objection in this particular case does not constitute a precedent for future international agreements.

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