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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 on the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purposes of money laundering or terrorist financing (first reading) - Adoption of the legislative act = Statement

Statement by Austria

Austria reiterates its strong commitment to the fight against financial crime and supports the compromise on the legislative package. Austria would like to underline that access to cash is an important issue both for the broader public and for social and financial inclusion. Austria supports further work to strengthen the legal tender of euro banknotes and coins, including in the context of the ongoing legislative negotiations on the legal tender Regulation.