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To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market **(first reading)**
- Adoption of the legislative act **(LA + S)**
= Statement

Declaration of the Netherlands

The Netherlands thanks the Greek presidency and preceding presidencies for the final result that was achieved on the regulation for electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market (e-IDAS). The Netherlands is especially pleased with the opportunities offered to private suppliers of electronic identities and with the inclusion of website authentication within the scope of the regulation. The latter will allow supervisory bodies to intervene in case of security incidents such as the one that occurred at a Dutch supplier of website certificates (Diginotar) in 2011. Member states now face the challenge of making the regulation practicable for all parties that will need to work with it. In facing this challenge, however, there lies a concern for the Netherlands. Practice has shown that citizens, enterprises and implementing organizations may have difficulty distinguishing between different security levels of electronic identities and trust services. Member states will have to cooperate intensively and give practical guidance to users in the implementation phase of the regulation. Only then will mutual acceptance of electronic identities and trust services become a reality and will the regulation contribute to the completion of the internal market.