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Subject:	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the respect for private life and the protection of personal data in electronic communications and repealing Directive 2002/58/EC (Regulation on Privacy and Electronic Communications)

The state of the discussion on the proposal has been summarised in the progress report by the Romanian presidency (9351/19) that was on the agenda of the Telecom council of 7 of June. Considering the report and also the reflections of some member states in the council, it is clear that further discussion on the proposal is still needed. To continue the discussions the incoming Finnish presidency invites the member states to express their views on the next steps to be taken. To this end, and for the purpose of discussion in the WP TELE meeting of 4 of July 2019, the member states are invited to give their views on the following questions:

- 1) The main objective of the proposed regulation is to protect the fundamental right of private life and confidentiality of the communications. To this end, which parts of the proposed regulation could be considered as the most essential?
- 2) On which parts of the text more discussion is still needed? As the text stands now we would like to especially have your views on:
 - which parts are the most problematic and how can those problems be concretely solved?
 - can some parts be identified where no changes are necessary ?
 - Are there some parts of the text you consider unnecessary and which should be deleted?
- 3) Some delegations have indicated that further alignment with the General Data Protection Regulation and ePrivacy rules would be needed. In this regard, what kind of specific changes to the text would be needed?
- 4) What should be the next steps to be taken to continue the negotiations in the Council?