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Delegations will find attached a statement by the Netherlands to be included in the minutes of the Transport, Telecommunication and Energy Council.

ANNEX

Statement by the Netherlands regarding the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the use of railway infrastructure capacity in the single European railway area, amending Directive 2012/34/EU and repealing Regulation (EU) No 913/2010.

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In general, the Netherlands support the ambition of the European Commission to promote rail transport for passengers and goods. Therefore, the Netherlands fully acknowledge the importance of the proposal from the Commission on the use of railway infrastructure capacity in the single European railway area. We support the application of TimeTable Redesign principles as well as the digitalization and automation of processes to improve railway capacity allocation.

At the same time, it is of utmost importance that a member state has sufficient instruments to promote legitimate policy goals, especially for domestic rail transport. Accordingly, the Netherlands emphasize the importance of the instrument of 'strategic guidance' by Member States. In case of scarcity, which is often the case in the Netherlands, public service obligations are critical to guarantee continuity of rail services to the passengers. The Netherlands maintain that ensuring sufficient capacity for such rail services is an important condition for maximizing their value for society.