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Delegations will find attached a statement by the German delegation on the above subject, to be entered in the minutes of the Council meeting (Transport, Telecommunications, Energy) on 2 December 2019.

Statement by the Federal Republic of Germany for the minutes of the meeting deciding on adoption in the Transport Council of the General Approach on the proposal for a Regulation on streamlining measures for advancing the realisation of the trans-European transport network

Germany assumes that the procedural acceleration provisions contained in the present proposal aim only to regulate the course and the formal organisation of the relevant administrative procedures, and are without prejudice to the substantive criteria to be applied when taking an authorising decision, which result from the requirements of substantive law.

Germany assumes, in particular, that the four-year time limit for permit-granting procedures, set out in Article 6(1) of the draft General Approach, neither requires nor may be used to justify, in the context of either the transposition of the Directive into national law or the application of national law in compliance with the Directive, any limitation of the scope of assessment with regard to environmental protection requirements or any lowering of the criteria for carrying out such an assessment when taking an authorising decision.
