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Subject: Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND  
OF THE COUNCIL on establishing the European defence industry  
Reinforcement through common Procurement Act  
- General approach

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Delegations will find enclosed a statement by Austria on the proposal for a regulation on establishing the European defence industry reinforcement through common procurement act (EDIRPA), to be added to the minutes of Coreper and Council.

**Statement by Austria**

It is Austria's understanding that the instrument as defined by the EDIRPA regulation will be used for common procurement of defence products required by Member States and associated countries, not intended for the transfer to third countries. It is further her understanding that no nuclear defence products will be procured with the instrument.