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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the resilience of critical entities and repealing Council Directive 2008/114/EC **(first reading)** - Adoption of the legislative act = Statement

Statement by Ireland

Ireland notes that resilience is a whole of Government, cross-EU, whole of society issue. Therefore, we support and welcome the Directive on Critical Entities Resilience, which stems from a proposal of the European Commission. It is a key element in enhancing the resilience of operators of critical infrastructure in the face of threats such as pandemics, terrorism or natural disasters.

We wish to acknowledge the work of the European Commission and the attention of the European Presidency in assisting Ireland in working through our concerns relating to the impact of this proposal on existing International Treaties. Also of key concern for Ireland throughout the negotiations was the need to safeguard the important areas of public security, national security and defence. We are satisfied that our concerns were addressed throughout the negotiations.