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ADDENDUM TO "I/A" ITEM NOTE

from:	General Secretariat
to:	Coreper/Council
Subject:	Code of Conduct (Business Taxation) - Draft Council Conclusions

STATEMENT TO BE ENTERED IN THE COUNCIL MINUTES

The Council will find in Annex a second statement to be entered in the Council Minutes.

STATEMENT BY UNITED KINGDOM

The UK accepts the findings of the Code of Conduct Group. The Government of Gibraltar has already begun work to ensure compliance with the principles of the Code, and expects to return to the Code Group with details of this during the Irish Presidency. We want to highlight that there has been a clear process and mandate within the Code Group to reach the point that we have come to, and priority now needs to be given to addressing this without unnecessary distractions. It is regrettable that Spain has decided to introduce extraneous elements into the debate at this late stage.
