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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
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Subject: Draft DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on combating corruption, replacing Council Framework Decision 2003/568/JHA and the Convention on the fight against corruption involving officials of the European Communities or officials of Member States of the European Union and amending Directive (EU) 2017/1371 of the European Parliament and of the Council (**first reading**)

- Adoption of the legislative act
- = Statement

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**Germany has requested that the following statement be entered in the Council minutes**

Germany declares that the term ‘in the course of economic, financial, business or commercial activities’ in Article 4 of the Directive on combating corruption, replacing Council Framework Decision 2003/568/JHA and the Convention on the fight against corruption involving officials of the European Communities or officials of Member States of the European Union and amending Directive (EU) 2017/1371 of the European Parliament and of the Council, should be interpreted as referring to operations in relation to the purchase of goods or commercial services.