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Subject:	Draft DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the exchange of information between the law enforcement authorities of Member States and repealing Council Framework Decision 2006/960/JHA ( <b>first reading</b> ) - Adoption of the legislative act = Statement

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**Statement by Austria**

Austria stresses its full support for enhanced police cooperation and improved information exchange between law enforcement authorities.

Regrettably, the current text contains provisions which Austria considers problematic. These are (1) the prescribed time-bound review period for data in the national case management systems, which unduly interferes with national legislative competence, and (2) the possibility of changing communication channels while an exchange of information is ongoing.

In Austria's view, these points will make police work more difficult and should have been deleted.  
In light of this, Austria abstains.

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