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From: General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject: Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the use of railway infrastructure capacity in the single European railway area, amending Directive 2012/34/EU and repealing Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 **(first reading)**
- Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons
= Statement

The Commission has requested that the following statement be entered in the Council minutes

The Commission has stated its intention to assess the synergies that exist between the tasks and competences of the European Union Agency for Railways (ERA) established in the framework of its current mandate under Regulation (EU) 2016/796 of the European Parliament and of the Council and the requirements for implementation of this Regulation with a view to seek ERA's support in activities related to the preparatory work for secondary legislation and to performance monitoring. The Commission notes in this respect that data collected and monitored by ERA within its current mandate, as well as ERA's tools of analysis, can also be used to monitor the capacity use, to assess the railway sector performance, and to support the preparation of secondary legislation, thereby avoiding duplications of data collection, storage, and tools for analysis, in a spirit of simplification and better regulation.