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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 laying down rules facilitating the use of financial and other information for the prevention, detection, investigation or prosecution of certain criminal offences, and repealing Council Decision 2000/642/JHA (first reading) - Adoption of the legislative act - Statement

Statement by the European Parliament on Article 9

The European Parliament regrets that, against the original proposal, the Directive does not include rules on precise deadlines and IT channels for the exchange of information between Financial Intelligence Units of different Member States. The European Parliament also regrets that the scope of application of this Article has been limited to cases of terrorism and organised crime associated with terrorism, and does not cover, as originally proposed, all types of serious criminal offences, which can also have serious detrimental effects on our societies. The European Parliament urges the Commission to re-examine this issue as part of its reports on the implementation and evaluation of this Directive and of the Anti-Money Laundering Directive, and specifically as part of its assessment under Article 21. The European Parliament will closely follow and analyse those reports and assessments and will come up with its own recommendations, if necessary.