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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (part 2)/Council
Subject:	COUNCIL DECISION amending Protocol No 5 on the Statute of the European Investment Bank – Statement

Delegations will find attached a statement by Austria in relation to the above-mentioned decision.

STATEMENT BY AUSTRIA

AT notes that the amendment of the EIB's statute will not change the governance model of the EIB, including the prerogative of the EIB's governing bodies to decide on the future priorities and lending volumes of the EIB. In view of the challenges at the current juncture, the evolving business model of the EIB and the size of its balance sheet, we especially take note of the EIB's Management's commitment to ambitiously implement the governance reforms agreed upon together with the replacement of the UK's capital share, in particular the implementation of the 3 Lines of Defence Model at all levels and of the EIB's Review and Evaluation Process. We recall on the EIB's Management's commitment to closely involve the Board of Directors in monitoring the implementation process and call on it to provide shareholders with an external evaluation on the success of the governance reforms adopted in principle in 2018.
