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Slovakia has requested that the following statement be entered in the Council minutes

Slovak Republic is of the opinion that the adoption of the proposed Directive would undermine the existing system of oversight and control of trade in defence industry products within the EU, while also creating inconsistencies and inaccuracies in the statistical data that the EU itself requires. For this reason, and in order to ensure adequate oversight and control over trade in these sensitive goods, the Slovak Republic abstains from voting on the proposal of the DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directives 2009/43/EC and 2009/81/EC, as regards the simplification of intra-EU transfers of defence-related products and the simplification of security and defence procurement [2025/0177 (COD)].