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Statement

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**"The standards initiative: Follow-up to the 2012 ILC Committee on the
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- CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY

Thank you chair.

I speak on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

1. At the outset, we would like to thank the Director-General and the Office for their efforts and proposals prepared in within a very limited timeframe.
2. We understand that the proposal is to be considered as a package to achieve consensus. We thank again Mr Ryder for the explanations he gave yesterday, in particular on the chronology and on the sequencing of decisions, as well as on the financial implications.
3. We support the package as presented: it is a coherent one and while everyone could have different views on specific points, we are ready to support it. It allows us to move ahead.
4. However, we would like to seek clarifications on the two following issues.
5. First, in paragraph (1) we would seek clarifications from the Director-General on the legal implications of the wording of the question posed to the ICJ, in particular on the verb “protected”.
6. Second, on paragraph (2), we would like to ask if the special sitting of the Committee on the Application of Standards in 2015 could take place within a limited timeframe, so as not to distract from the discussion of cases and the General Survey.

Thank you, chair.