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EU statement in reply to the statement by Belarus on the issue of ACTA in the Permanent Council on 16 February

The European Union and its Member States would like to refer to the intervention by the Republic of Belarus on the issue of the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA) in the Permanent Council on 16 February 2012.

We would like to draw the attention of the Permanent Council to the decision by the European Commission on 22 February to ask the highest independent judicial authority of the European Union – the European Court of Justice - to assess whether ACTA is incompatible - in any way - with the EU's fundamental rights and freedoms, such as freedom of expression and information or data protection and the right to property in case of intellectual property.