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The Commission considers that the common position proposed is faithful to the aims and spirit of the Commission's proposal. The Commission can therefore approve the common position. The common position includes, either in letter or spirit, virtually all the amendments adopted by the European Parliament at first reading. There is consequently a high level of agreement between the Council, Parliament and the Commission on the key aspects of the proposal. These three institutions have worked very actively throughout the procedure and have ultimately succeeded in producing a text that strikes a very good balance. Accordingly, the Commission invites the European Parliament to approve the common position. The work which the experts from the Member States and the neighbouring countries will need to accomplish in order to set up the European Electronic Road Toll System in the context of the Regulatory Committee will take a long time, and it is important for this work to be carried out through the Regulatory Committee responsible for governing this sector in the years to come.