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From: Secretary General of the EEAS
Ms. Helga Maria SCHMID

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To: Mr Jeppe TRANHOLM-MIKKELSEN, Secretary-General of the Council of
the European Union

Subject: Proposal of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and
Security Policy to the Council for a Council Decision repealing Common
Position 697/96 on Cuba

Delegations will find attached document HR(2016) 89 - FINAL.

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**Proposal of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and
Security Policy to the Council**

of 21/09/2016

for a Council Decision repealing Decision 1996/697/CFSP on Cuba

HR(2016) 89

Draft Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/xx

of [date] 2016

repealing Common Position 96/697/CFSP on Cuba

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 29 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

- (1) On 2 December 1996, the Council adopted Common Position 96/697/CFSP on Cuba, which defines the position and objectives of the European Union (EU) in its relations with Cuba.
- (2) Common Position 96/697 provided for the possibility of a future negotiation of a Cooperation Agreement with Cuba.
- (3) On 10 February 2014 the Council adopted Decision no 17116/13 authorising the Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to open negotiations, on behalf of the EU, on the provisions that fall within the Union's competence, and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council adopted Decision no 17119/13 authorising the Commission to open negotiations, on behalf of the Member States, on the provisions that fall within the Member States' competence, of a Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement between the EU and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Cuba
- (4) The negotiations were concluded with the initialling of the Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement in Havana on 11 March 2016.
- (5) The Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement will constitute the new legal framework for the relations between the EU, its Member States and Cuba.
- (6) Common Position 96/697/CFSP should therefore be repealed.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

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Article 1

Common Position 96/697/CFSP on Cuba is hereby repealed.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at [place], [date] 2016.

For the Council

The President