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From:	Mr Ivan ROGERS, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom
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To:	Mr Ard Van der Steur and Mr Klaas Dijkhoff, Presidents of the Justice and Home Affairs Council

No. prev. doc.:	COM(2016) 216 final
Subject:	Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations on a Convention on the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters (the Judgments Convention) in the framework of the Hague Conference on Private International Law - Opt-in of the United Kingdom

The purpose of this letter is to communicate the United Kingdom's formal notification, in accordance with Article 3(1) of Protocol (No 21) to the Treaties on the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in respect of the area of freedom, security and justice, that it intends to take part in the adoption and application of the Recommendation for a Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations on a Convention on the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters (the Judgments Convention) in the framework of the Hague Conference on Private International Law Com (2016) 216 final.

I am copying this letter to Alexander Italianer, Secretary General of the Commission and Jeppe Tranholm-Mikkelsen, Secretary General of the Council

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(signed) Ivan Rogers