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From: Sir Tim Barrow, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the EU

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To: Mr Andres Anvelt and Mr Urmas Reinsalu
Presidents of the Justice and Home Affairs Council

Subject: Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice, and amending Regulation (EC) 1987/2006 and Council Decision 2007/533/JHA and repealing Regulation (EU) 1077/2011
- Notification made by the United Kingdom ("opt-in")

Delegations will find attached a letter from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the EU regarding the subject above.

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Mr Andres Anvelt and Mr Urmas Reinsalu
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Dear Mr Anvelt and Mr Reinsalu,

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, on the European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice, and amending Regulation (EC) 1987/2006 and Council Decision 2007/533/JHA and repealing Regulation (EU) 1077/2011 (COM(2017) 352)

The purpose of this letter is to communicate the United Kingdom's formal notification, in accordance with Article 3(1) of the 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 proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, on the European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice, and amending Regulation (EC) 1987/2006 and Council Decision 2007/533/JHA and repealing Regulation (EU) 1077/2011 (COM(2017) 352), to the extent that the measure does not build on the Schengen acquis.

For the avoidance of doubt, to the extent that the measure does build upon the Schengen acquis, the UK is taking part so far as its provisions relate to SIS II as governed by Decision 2007/533/JHA, in accordance with Article 5(1) of Protocol (No 19) on the Schengen acquis integrated into the framework of the European Union, annexed to the TEU and to the TFEU (Protocol on the Schengen acquis) and Article 8(2) of Council Decision 2000/365/EC of 20 May 2000 concerning the request of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to take part in some of the provisions of the Schengen acquis.

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

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Barrow'.

SIR TIM BARROW