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1. A letter from the President of Eurojust informed the Council about Eurojust's proposal to launch formal negotiations with the intention of entering into a cooperation agreement with Tunisia on 15 September 2018, as set out in Annex.
2. In accordance with Article 26a(2) of the Council Decision of 28 February 2002 setting up Eurojust, as last amended by Council Decision 2009/426/JHA of 16 December 2008, the Council may draw any conclusions it deems appropriate concerning this proposal.
3. The letter was discussed by the JAIEX on 14 September 2018 and delegations agreed upon Eurojust commencing negotiations with a view to entering into a strategic agreement with Tunisia.
4. COREPER is requested to invite the Council to take note of Eurojust's proposal to launch formal negotiations with the intention of entering into a cooperation agreement with Tunisia.



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The Hague, 17 July 2018

**Eurojust's plans for commencing negotiations with a view to entering into a strategic agreement with Tunisia**

Dear Mr Martschini,

In accordance with Article 26a(2), final sentence of the Council Decision of 28 February 2002 setting up Eurojust, as last amended by Council Decision 2009/426/JHA of 16 December 2008, I am pleased to inform you that Eurojust envisages launching formal negotiations on 15 September 2018 with the intention of entering into a strategic agreement with Tunisia.

This step forward follows the decision taken last year by the College of Eurojust to include Tunisia in its priority list of counterparts to explore the possibility of concluding an agreement allowing, *inter alia*, for the exchange of technical and strategic information (therefore not operational information, including personal data).

We look forward to receiving the conclusions deemed appropriate by the Council with respect to the above prior to the indicated commencement of negotiations.

Yours sincerely,

Ladislav Hamran  
President of Eurojust

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Ladislav Hamran', written over a circular stamp or watermark.