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From: Sir Tim Barrow KCMG, Permanent Representative of the UK to the European Union

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To: Mr Tudorel Toader and Ms Carmen Daniela Dan, Presidents of the Council (Justice and Home Affairs)

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Subject: Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion of a Protocol between the European Union, the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway to the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the criteria and mechanisms for establishing the State responsible for examining a request for asylum lodged in a Member State or in Iceland or Norway regarding the access to Eurodac for law enforcement purposes

Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion of a Protocol between the European Union, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein to the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation concerning the criteria and mechanisms for establishing the State responsible for examining a request for asylum lodged in a Member State or in Switzerland regarding the access to Eurodac for law enforcement purposes

Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion of a Protocol to the Agreement between the European Community and the Kingdom of Denmark on the criteria and mechanisms for establishing the State responsible for examining a request for asylum lodged in Denmark or any other Member State of the European Union and 'Eurodac' for the comparison of fingerprints for the effective application of the Dublin Convention extending that agreement to law enforcement

- Opt-in by the United Kingdom

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Delegations will find attached a document from the Representation of the United Kingdom to the EU in relation to the above subject.

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14 March 2019

Mr Tudorel Toader and Ms Carmen Dan  
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*Dear Minister Toader and Minister Dan*

**Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of a Protocol between the European Union, the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway to the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the criteria and mechanisms for establishing the State responsible for examining a request for asylum lodged in a Member State or in Iceland or Norway regarding the access to Eurodac for law enforcement purposes (COM(2018)826 final)**

**Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of a Protocol between the European Union, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein to the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation concerning the criteria and mechanisms for establishing the State responsible for examining a request for asylum lodged in a Member State or in Switzerland regarding the access to Eurodac for law enforcement purposes (COM(2018)828 final)**

**Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of a Protocol to the Agreement between the European Community and the Kingdom of Denmark on the criteria and mechanisms for establishing the State responsible for examining a request for asylum lodged in Denmark or any other Member State of the European Union and 'Eurodac' for the comparison of fingerprints for the effective application of the Dublin Convention extending that agreement to law enforcement (COM/2018/835 final)**



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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 following three proposals:

- Council Decision on the conclusion of a Protocol between the European Union, the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway to the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the criteria and mechanisms for establishing the State responsible for examining a request for asylum lodged in a Member State or in Iceland or Norway regarding the access to Eurodac for law enforcement purposes (COM(2018)826 final)
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I am copying this letter to Martin Selmayr, Secretary-General of the Commission and Jeppe Tranholm-Mikkelsen, Secretary-General of the Council.



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