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from:	Mr Jon Cunliffe, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom
date of receipt:	5 September 2013
to:	Mr. Dailis Alfonsas Barakauskas and Dr Juozas Bernatonis, Presidents of the Justice and Home Affairs Council

No. Cion prop. :	10748/13 JUSTCIV 144
Subject:	Proposal for a Council Decision authorizing Austria and Malta to accede to the Hague Convention of 15 November 1965 on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents in Civil or Commercial Matters in the interest of the European Union - Opt-in of the United Kingdom

Dear Ministers,

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 Council Decision authorising Austria and Malta to accede to the Hague Convention of 15 November 1965 on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents in Civil or Commercial Matters in the interest of the European Union [10748/13 - COM (2013) 338].

I am copying this letter to Catherine Day, Secretary General of the Commission and Uwe Corsepius, Secretary General of the Council.

(complimentary close)

(signed) Jon Cunliffe