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Subject: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing, as part of the Internal Security Fund, the instrument for financial support for police co-operation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management.

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Asylum and Migration Fund.

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down general provisions on the Asylum and Migration Fund and on the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management.

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing for the period 2014 to 2020 the Justice Programme.

- Opt-in of Ireland

Dear President,

I refer to the provisions of Protocol No.21 (on the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in respect of the area of freedom, security and justice) to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and, in particular, to Article 3(1) thereof, under which Ireland may notify the President of the Council in writing within three months after a proposal or initiative has been presented to the Council pursuant to Title V of Part Three of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union that it wishes to take part in the adoption and application of any such proposed measure.

I hereby notify you that, in accordance with Article 3(1) of the above mentioned Protocol, Ireland wishes to take part in the adoption and application of the following proposed measures:

- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing, as part of the Internal Security Fund, the instrument for financial support for police co-operation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management.
- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Asylum and Migration Fund.

- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down general provisions on the Asylum and Migration Fund and on the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management.
- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing for the period 2014 to 2020 the Justice Programme.

(complimentary close)

(signed) Rory Montgomery
