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Subject: Adoption of a Council Decision on the Conclusion, on Behalf of the European Union, of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products to the World Health Organisation's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, in so far as the Provisions of the Protocol Which Do Not Fall under Title V of Part III of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union are Concerned
- Statement by the United Kingdom Delegation

The United Kingdom welcomes the adoption of the two Council Decisions concerning the framework Convention on Tobacco Control Protocol and looks forward to timely ratification of the instrument. In particular, the UK supports the approach adopted by the Council and the European Commission in this case concerning the application of Protocol (No. 21) to the Treaties. The United Kingdom considers that the Union does not enjoy exclusive external competence in relation to any of the Justice & Home Affairs provisions of the Tobacco Control Protocol.