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from: Mr Ivan ROGERS, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to European Union

date of receipt: 4 February 2014

to: Mr Nikolaos DENDIAS, Mr Charalampos ATHANASSIOU, Mr Giannis MICHELAKIS, Presidents of the Justice and Home Affairs Council

Subject: - Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Arrangement with the Swiss Confederation on the modalities of its participation in the European Asylum Support Office

- Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Arrangement with the Principality of Liechtenstein on the modalities of its participation in the European Asylum Support Office

- Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Arrangement with the Republic of Iceland on the modalities of its participation in the European Asylum Support Office

- Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Arrangement with the Kingdom of Norway on the modalities of its participation in the European Asylum Support Office

- Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Arrangement with the Swiss Confederation on the modalities of its participation in the European Asylum Support Office

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Delegations will find attached a letter from Mr Ivan ROGERS, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to European Union in relation to the above subject.



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Dear Ministers Dendias, Mr. Athanassiou, Mr. Michelakis,

Proposals for Council Decisions on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Arrangement with the Republic of Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein, the Kingdom of Norway and the Swiss Confederation, respectively, on the modalities of their participation in the European Asylum Support Office (respectively COM (2013) 876 final, COM (2013) 873 final, COM (2013) 878 final, COM (2013) 870 final)

AND

Proposals for Council Decisions on the conclusion of the Arrangement with the Republic of Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein, the Kingdom of Norway and the Swiss Confederation, respectively, on the modalities of their participation in the European Asylum Support Office (respectively COM (2013) 875 final, COM (2013) 872 final, COM (2013) 877 final, COM (2013) 862 final)

The purpose of this letter is to communicate the United Kingdom's formal notification, in accordance with Article 3(1) of 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 wishes to take part in the adoption and application of the following:

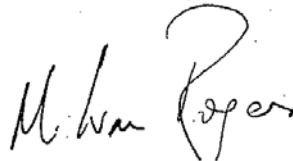
- Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Arrangement with the Republic of Iceland on the modalities of its participation in the European Asylum Support Office (COM (2013) 876 final);
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modalities of its participation in the European Asylum Support Office (COM (2013) 873 final);

- Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Arrangement with the Kingdom of Norway on the modalities of its participation in the European Asylum Support Office (COM (2013) 878 final);
- Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Arrangement with the Swiss Confederation on the modalities of its participation in the European Asylum Support Office (COM (2013) 870 final);
- Proposal for a Council Decision on conclusion of the Arrangement with the Republic of Iceland on the modalities of its participation in the European Asylum Support Office (COM (2013) 875 final);
- Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Arrangement with the Principality of Liechtenstein on the modalities of its participation in the European Asylum Support Office (COM (2013) 872 final);
- Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Arrangement with the Kingdom of Norway on the modalities of its participation in the European Asylum Support Office (COM (2013) 877 final); and
- Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Arrangement with the Swiss Confederation on the modalities of its participation in the European Asylum Support Office (COM (2013) 862 final).

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

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ivan Rogers". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

IVAN ROGERS