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1. A letter from the President of Eurojust informed the Council about Eurojust's proposal to launch formal negotiations with the intention of entering into a cooperation agreement with Albania on 15 September 2016, as set out in Annex.
2. In accordance with Article 26a(2) of the Council Decision of 28 February 2002 setting up Eurojust, as last amended by Council Decision 2009/426/JHA of 16 December 2008, the Council may draw any conclusions it deems appropriate concerning this proposal.
3. The letter was discussed by the JAIEX on 18 July 2016 and the Presidency invited delegations to present possible comments by 26 July 2016. No additional comments were presented by delegations.
4. COREPER is requested to invite Council to take note of the Eurojust's proposal to launch formal negotiations with the intention of entering into a cooperation agreement with Albania.



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The Hague, 12 July 2016

Eurojust's plan for commencing negotiations with a view to entering into a cooperation agreement with Albania

Mr. Chair,
Dear Mr Babiak,

In accordance with Article 26a(2), final sentence of the Council Decision of 28 February 2002 setting up Eurojust, as last amended by Council Decision 2009/426/JHA of 16 December 2008, I am pleased to inform you that Eurojust envisages launching - on 15 September 2016 - formal negotiations with the intention of entering into a cooperation agreement with Albania.

This follows the decision taken on 27 March 2008 by the College of Eurojust to include Albania in its priority list for the entering into of cooperation agreements with third States.

We look forward to receiving the conclusions the Council may deem appropriate with respect to the above prior to the indicated commencement date of negotiations.

Yours sincerely,

Michèle Coninsx
President of Eurojust