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| Subject: | Draft Council Decision authorising certain Member States to accept, in the interest of the European Union, the accession of Kazakhstan to the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction - Adoption |

1. On 8 June 2016, the Commission submitted a proposal for a Council Decision authorising certain Member States to accept, in the interest of the European Union, the accession of Kazakhstan to the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction.
2. The European Parliament was consulted on 4 July 2016 and adopted a positive opinion on 5 October 2016.
3. The Working Party on Civil Law matters (General Questions) examined the Commission proposal, and delegations were invited to make comments. In the light of those comments, the proposal has been redrafted as set out in document 12326/16. Delegations are in a position to agree on the proposal.

4. In the light of the above, Coreper/Council is invited to adopt Council Decision authorising certain Member States to accept, in the interest of the European Union, the accession of Kazakhstan to the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, as set out in document 12326/16.
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