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| From:           | Presidency  |
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| To:             | Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council  |
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| Subject:        | Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION establishing a Multiannual Framework for the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights for 2018-2022   |
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Under Article 30 (3) and (4) of Council Regulation (EC) N° 168/2007 ('the Regulation') an independent, external evaluation of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights ('FRA') will be carried out in 2017. As stipulated in Article 31 (2) of the Regulation, the Commission, after having assessed the evaluation report and recommendations made on that basis by the FRA's Management Board, may consider submitting any proposals for amendments to the Regulation which it considers necessary.

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In this context, the Council agrees that it will consider carefully any proposals for amendments to the Regulation that the Commission may decide to submit, including those pertaining to the remit of the Agency to cover the areas of police cooperation and judicial cooperation in criminal matters. The Council further agrees that it will consider carefully any proposals to improve procedures for the governance and functioning of the Agency.