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From:	Mathias Ruete, Commission
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To:	Ambassador Marlene Bonnici
Subject:	Request for risk assessment on a new psychoactive substance N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)piperidin-4-yl]-furan-2-carboxamide (furanylfentanyl)

Delegations will find attached a request from the Commission for a risk assessment on a new psychoactive substance N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)piperidin-4-yl]-furan-2-carboxamide (furanylfentanyl).



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The Director-General

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Your Excellency,

On 25 January 2017 the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) and Europol presented to the Council, the Commission and the European Medicines Agency a Joint Report on the new psychoactive substance furanylfentanyl. This Joint Report, drawn up in accordance with Article 5(1) of the Council Decision on the information exchange, risk assessment and control of new psychoactive substances, provides an overview of the available information on detections, patterns of use and incidents reported on this substance.

According to the Joint Report, furanylfentanyl has been available in the European Union since at least June 2015 and has been detected in 16 Member States. Eighteen deaths associated with furanylfentanyl have been reported by 4 Member States, all of which were analytically confirmed. 90% of the deaths occurred during 2016.

I therefore consider that the health and social risks posed by the manufacture, trafficking and use of furanylfentanyl, as well as the involvement of organised crime and possible consequences of control measures, should be assessed through a risk assessment, as foreseen by Article 6 of the Council Decision 2005/387/JHA.

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