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| from: | Mr Declan Kelleher, Permanent Representative of Ireland |
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| to: | Mr Haralambos Athanassiou, Council of the European Union |
| No. Cion prop. : | COM(2013) 794 final |
| Subject: | Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 861/2007 of the European Parliament and the Council of 11 July 2007 establishing a European Small Claims Procedure and Regulation (EC) No 1896/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 creating a European order for payment procedure - Opt-in of Ireland |

Dear President,

I refer to the provisions of Protocol (No.21) to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (on the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in respect of the area of freedom, security and justice) and, in particular, Article 3(1) thereof, under which Ireland may notify the President of the Council in writing within three months after a proposal or initiative has been presented to the Council pursuant to Title V Part Three of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union that it wishes to take part in the adoption and application of any such proposed measure.

I hereby notify you that, in accordance with Article 3(1) of the above mentioned Protocol, Ireland wishes to take part in the adoption and application of the following proposal:

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No. 861/2007 of the European Parliament and the Council of 11 July 2007 establishing a European Small Claims Procedure and Regulation (EC) No. 1896/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 creating a European order for payment procedure

(complimentary close)

(signed) Declan Kelleher

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