



Council of the
European Union

Brussels, 1 December 2015
(OR. en)

14842/15

Interinstitutional Files:

2011/0059 (CNS)

2011/0060 (CNS)

JUSTCIV 285

NOTE

From: The delegation of the United Kingdom
To: Council

No. prev. doc.: 14651/15 + COR 1 REV 1, 14652/15, 14655/15, 14664/15
No. Cion doc.: 8160/11, 8163/11

Subject: Proposal for a Council Regulation on jurisdiction, applicable law and the recognition and enforcement of decisions in matters of matrimonial property regimes
Proposal for a Council Regulation on jurisdiction, applicable law and the recognition and enforcement of decisions regarding the property consequences of registered partnerships
- Statement by the delegation of the United Kingdom to be included to the minutes of the Council

The United Kingdom has not opted in to these proposals, but takes a consistent position across all legislative files that references to the Charter of Fundamental Rights in operative articles, such as those in the proposed compromise texts, are unnecessary, because all EU legislation must in any event respect the rights and observe the principles reflected in the Charter.

In the context of the Commission's agenda for better law making, the United Kingdom emphasises the importance of the European Union adopting best practice in legal drafting and clarity, and considers that it is out of step with such practice to duplicate existing law in this way.