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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mutual recognition of freezing orders and confiscation orders **(first reading)**
- Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 23 December 2016 the Commission sent the above proposal¹, based on Article 82(1)(a) TFEU²³⁴, to the Council.

¹ 15816/16.

² In accordance with Article 3 and Article 4a(1) of Protocol No 21 on the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland, the United Kingdom has notified, by letter of 12 June 2017, its wish to take part in the adoption and application of this Regulation.

³ In accordance with Articles 1, 2 and 4a(1) of Protocol No 21 on the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland, Ireland is not taking part in the adoption of this Regulation and is not bound by it or subject to its application.

⁴ In accordance with Articles 1 and 2 of Protocol No 22 on the position of Denmark, Denmark is not taking part in the adoption of this Regulation and is not bound by it or subject to its application.

2. On 4 October 2018 the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council⁵.
3. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 38/18, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting.

If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

After being signed by the President of the European Parliament and the President of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

⁵ 12697/18.