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PROPOSAL

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**authorising the Commission to open negotiations for an agreement on co-operation in
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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular

Article 218(3) and (4) thereof,

Having regard to the recommendation of the European Commission,

Whereas negotiations should be opened with a view to concluding an agreement with the Government of Japan on co-operation in the area of competition policy,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Commission is hereby authorised to open negotiations with the Government of Japan with a view to concluding an agreement adding provisions to the "Agreement between the European Community and the Government of Japan concerning cooperation on anti-competitive activities".

Article 2

The negotiating directives are set out in the annex to this decision.

Article 3

The negotiations shall be conducted in consultation with the [name of the special committee to be inserted by the Council].

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Commission.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President