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

Subject: Practical Arrangements on Counter-Terrorism between the EU and the UN
- Opening of negotiations - establishment of the Union position on the negotiations

1. On 5 December 2018, the Working Party on Terrorism (External Aspects) discussed the information submitted by the EEAS on the intention of the High Representative/Vice-President of the European Commission to enter into negotiations on Practical Arrangements on Counter-Terrorism between the EU and the UN (doc. 14089/18 of 8 November 2018). This instrument intends to focus on the EU-UN cooperation efforts on foreign terrorist fighters and the prevention and countering of violent extremism, among others. No objections were raised from delegations.
2. It is understood that the EEAS will revert to the Council at the end of the negotiations to seek the Council's authorisation for the signature of the instrument on behalf of the Union.
3. In light of the foregoing, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to suggest to the Council that it establishes the Union position on the negotiations on the Practical Arrangements between the EU and the UN on Counter-Terrorism.