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

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Subject: Draft Council Decision authorising Austria, Cyprus, Croatia, Luxembourg, Portugal, Romania and the United Kingdom to accept, in the interest of the European Union, the accession of the Dominican Republic to the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction  
- Adoption

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1. On 6 July 2018, the Commission submitted a proposal for a Council Decision authorising Austria, Cyprus, Croatia, Luxembourg, Portugal, Romania and the United Kingdom to accept, in the interest of the European Union, the accession of the Dominican Republic to the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction.
2. The European Parliament was consulted on 20 July 2018 and adopted a positive opinion on 31 January 2019.

3. The Working Party on Civil Law matters (General Questions) examined the Commission proposal and delegations were invited to make comments. In the light of those comments, the proposal has been redrafted and revised by Jurists-Linguists as set out in document 14922/18. Delegations are in a position to agree on the proposal.
4. In the light of the above, Coreper/Council is invited to adopt Council Decision authorising Austria, Cyprus, Croatia, Luxembourg, Portugal, Romania and the United Kingdom to accept, in the interest of the European Union, the accession of the Dominican Republic to the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, as set out in document 14922/18.

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