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

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Subject: Draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Arrangement with the Kingdom of Norway, the Republic of Iceland, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein on the participation by those States in the European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice  
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On 3 September 2018, the Commission issued its Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Arrangement with the Kingdom of Norway, the Republic of Iceland, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein on the participation by those States in the European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice, as well as an Annex to that proposal<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> 11804/18 + ADD 1.

The group of JHA Counsellors (eu-LISA) examined the proposal at its meeting on 10 September 2018, together with the Commission proposal for a Council Decision on the signing of the above Arrangement and its Annex, issued on the same day<sup>2</sup>.

The Council adopted the Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Arrangement between the European Union, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Norway, the Republic of Iceland, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein, of the other part, on the participation by those States in the European Agency for the operational management of large scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice<sup>3</sup>, at its meeting on 11 October 2018, together with the Annex<sup>4</sup> to that Decision.

The Parties signed the Arrangement on 8 November 2018 in Brussels. In accordance with the provisions of the Treaty, the Council then requested the European Parliament to grant its consent with the adoption of the Decision on the conclusion of the Arrangement. This consent was granted by the European Parliament on 13 March 2019.

During the legal-linguistic revision of the draft Decision, some minor modifications were made in order to reflect the adoption of the new eu-LISA Regulation<sup>5</sup>. Also, the wording concerning the situation of Ireland in recital (5) has now been finalised, based on the notification by Ireland that it wishes to take part in Regulation (EU) No 2018/1726 in accordance with Article 4 of Protocol No 21, annexed to the Treaties<sup>6</sup>.

In the light of the above, COREPER is invited to suggest that the Council adopts the draft Council Decision, as set out in 15832/1/18 REV 1, at one of its forthcoming meetings.

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<sup>2</sup> 11805/18 + ADD 1

<sup>3</sup> 12042/18

<sup>4</sup> 12367/18

<sup>5</sup> Regulation (EU) No 2018/1726, OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 99–137

<sup>6</sup> 8800/19