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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

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

Subject: Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on establishing a framework for interoperability between EU information systems in the field of police and judicial cooperation, asylum and migration and amending Regulations (EU) 2018/1726, (EU) 2018/1862 and (EU) 2019/... **(first reading)**

- Adoption of the legislative act
- Statement

Statement by the United Kingdom

The United Kingdom (UK):

- Notes the intensive efforts by the Romanian Presidency, and preceding presidencies, to bring this file to a conclusion.

- Considers that the establishment of an interoperable architecture between EU information systems in the fields of police and judicial cooperation, asylum and migration to be a significant and necessary step towards greater European security. The UK remains strongly committed to our shared aim of a safer and more secure Europe for all our people. As such, the UK supported the Commission’s interoperability proposal.
 - Notes however that the text for adoption today falls short of that proposal’s ambition in several key areas. It also differs significantly from the recommendations of the High Level Expert Group.
 - Nonetheless, recognises that adoption of this file represents a step forward on important and shared priorities, and hopes that there is scope for the ambition of the original Commission proposal to be fully realised in the future.
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