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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council
Subject:	COUNCIL DECISION authorising the European Commission to participate, on behalf of the European Union, in negotiations on an additional protocol to the Council of Europe Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism (CETS No. 198) - Adoption - Statement by the Commission

Delegations will find attached a statement by the Commission for the minutes of Coreper and of the Council.

The Commission welcomes the swift progress by the Council on the preparation and adoption of its Decision authorising the European Commission to participate, on behalf of the European Union, in negotiations on an additional protocol to the Council of Europe Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism (CETS No. 198).

However, the Commission considers that the possible revision or further development of negotiating directives as set out in Article 1(2) of the Council Decision must be subject to the Commission's right of initiative on these matters.

The Commission reserves all its rights in these matters.
