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1. On 19 November 2013, the Commission submitted to the Council a recommendation for the Council Decision in subject.
2. At the meeting of the Working Party on European Free Trade Association (EFTA) of 4 February 2014, all delegations agreed in principle¹ to the draft Council Decision in subject.
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¹ The UK entered a parliamentary reservation, which was lifted in the meantime.

4. **NOT DECLASSIFIED**

5. On 27 March 2014, the Presidency presented a draft statement to Member States, which was discussed by the EFTA Working Party on 9, 15 and 29 April. On 29 April, all delegations agreed to the statement of the Council, as set out in the Annex to this note.

6. **NOT DECLASSIFIED**

7. In the light of the above it is suggested that the Council, at one of its upcoming meetings,

- adopts, as an "A" item on its agenda, the Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations on an agreement between the European Union and the Swiss Confederation on an institutional framework governing bilateral relations, as set out in doc. 6176/14 AELE 11 CH 10 MI 127 RESTREINT UE/EU RESTRICTED; and
- enters into its minutes the statements set out in the Annex to this note.

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