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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council
Subject:	Council Implementing Decision approving the Rules of procedure of Eurojust

1. On 12 December 2019, Regulation (EU) 2018/1727 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 November 2018 on the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice (Eurojust) started to apply. On the same day, Eurojust submitted to the Council its draft Rules of Procedure which had been approved by the College of Eurojust. In accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1727, the Rules of Procedure are to be approved by the Council by means of an implementing act.

2. An informal draft of the Rules of Procedures has previously been examined in detail at Working Party level (COPEN). The informal draft was finally agreed upon at a meeting of JHA Counsellors on 26 November 2019. The draft Rules of Procedure now submitted to Council are in all substance identical to the informal draft agreed upon.

3. On 13 December 2019, Eurojust submitted to the Council its separate draft Rules of Procedure on the processing and protection of personal data at Eurojust, which - following consultation of the European Data Protection Supervisor - had been approved by the College of Eurojust on the same day. These rules are formally part of the Rules of Procedure mentioned above and are thus also to be approved by the Council by means of the same implementing act.

4.   The informal version of the separate draft rules Rules of Procedure on the processing and protection of personal data at Eurojust were agreed upon at a meeting of the COPEN working party on 28 November 2019. The draft rules now submitted to Council are identical to the informal draft agreed upon then.

5.   In the light of the above, COREPER is advised to invite the Council to adopt the above-mentioned Council decision as set out in document 14614/19.