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Origine:	Secrétariat général du Conseil
Destinataire:	Comité des représentants permanents (1 ^{re} partie)/Conseil
Objet:	Proposition de Décision du Conseil relative à la reconduction de l'accord sur la promotion, la fourniture et l'utilisation des systèmes de navigation par satellite de Galileo et du GPS et les applications associées conclu entre la Communauté européenne et ses États membres, d'une part, et les États-Unis d'Amérique, d'autre part <i>- Demande d'approbation du Parlement européen</i> <i>- Déclaration de la Commission européenne</i>

Statement by the European Commission

The Commission reiterates that, in accordance with Article 17 TEU, the Commission represents the Union externally on matters not falling into the CFSP.

The power of external representation includes the power to negotiate international agreements (in accordance with a prior authorisation by the Council), sign, notify the conclusion or extension of those agreements and implement them.

Therefore, the decision on the extension of the Galileo-GPS Cooperation Agreement must designate the Commission to notify the US government of the Union's completion of its internal procedures to extend the agreement.

As a consequence, it is not for the President of the Council or the Council to express the consent of the Union to be bound by the agreement in question. Should it do so, it will violate the external representation power of the Commission as well as the principle of inter-institutional balance enshrined in Article 13(2) TEU.
