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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and on provisional application of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the other part, and of the Agreement between the European Union and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning security procedures for exchanging and protecting classified information

Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the other part

Agreement between the European Union and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning security procedures for exchanging and protecting classified information

Declarations and Notification referred to in the Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and on a provisional application of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement and of the Agreement concerning security procedures for exchanging and protecting classified information

Statement by the Council

- Initiation of the written procedure

Following the decision of the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2) on 28 December 2020 to make use of the written procedure, Delegations are hereby invited to respond whether they agree to:

1. the adoption of the abovementioned Decision, as set out in document ST 13904/20.

Please answer YES, NO or ABSTAIN.

2. the approval of the following:

- i) the Trade and Cooperation Agreement, as set out in document ST 14335/20 ADD 1 REV 2, subject to final legal-linguistic revision;
- ii) the Agreement concerning security procedures for exchanging and protecting classified information, as set out in document ST 14335/20 ADD 2 REV 1, subject to final legal-linguistic revision;
- iii) the declarations in relation to the Trade and Cooperation Agreement and the Agreement concerning security procedures for exchanging and protecting classified information, as set out in document ST 14368/20;
- iv) the notification by the European Union under the Trade and Cooperation Agreement, as set out in document ST 14367/20;
- v) the statement by the Council, to be recorded in its minutes, as set out in document ST 14339/20.

Please answer YES or NO for each document listed in points i) to v).

Any unilateral statement should be made at the same time as answering the questions, except those already made at Coreper.

Replies must reach the General Secretariat of the Council **by 15h00 on Tuesday, 29 December 2020**. They should be sent by email to secretariat.wpuk@consilium.europa.eu.