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From: Eastern Europe and Central Asia Working Party
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To: Permanent Representatives Committee

Subject: EU's non-recognition policy regarding Crimea
- **DELETED**
- draft Note Verbale for bilateral agreements with Russia

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1. On 15 April, following the illegal annexation of Crimea/Sevastopol to the Russian Federation,
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2. On 12 May, the Council welcomed the Commission's evaluation of the legal consequences of the annexation of Crimea and looked forward to the Council and the Commission continuing their work with a view to the swift implementation of proposals contained therein. The Council noted that the consequences could include but not be limited to economic, trade, and financial measures.

3. On 13 May 2014, the Eastern Europe and Central Asia Working Party had a first discussion on the Commission's proposals concerning the implementation of the non-recognition policy towards Crimea. **DELETED**
4. On 3 June, the Public International Law Working Party had an exchange of views on the Crimea situation from a public international law perspective.
5. In light of the above, the Permanent Representatives' Committee is invited to endorse **DELETED** the text of the draft Note Verbale for bilateral agreements with Russia, as **DELETED** in Annexes **DELETED** 2 to the present note.

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ANNEX 2

Note Verbale for bilateral agreements with Russia

The European Union and its Member States continue to consider that as regards the territorial scope of the Agreements signed between the European Union (and, as the case may be, the EU and its Member States) and the Russian Federation, the territory of the Russian Federation corresponds to the one as recognized internationally in line with the UNGA Resolution 68/262 of 27 March 2014 on the territorial integrity of Ukraine.
