"I/A" ITEM NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Council Decision to authorise the opening of negotiations for an agreement between the EU and Mexico for the transfer and use of Passenger Name Record (PNR) data to prevent and combat terrorism and other serious transnational crime.

1. On 13 May 2015, the Commission submitted to the Council a recommendation for a Council Decision to authorise the opening of negotiations for an agreement between the EU and Mexico for the transfer and use of Passenger Name Record (PNR) data to prevent and combat terrorism and other serious transnational crime¹.

2. The draft Council Decision was discussed at two JHA Counsellors' meetings, on 22 May and 1 June 2015. A Council Statement is attached to the Decision.

3. It is the Presidency's intention to submit the draft Decision to the Council with a view to having it adopted by 30 June 2015 in order to authorise the Commission, on behalf of the European Union, to start negotiations with Mexico by 1 July 2015.

¹ 8968/15 JAI 328 AVIATION 55 DATA PROTECT 82 RELEX 386 COLAC 54 (EU RESTRICTED).
4. In view of the above, COREPER is requested to invite the Council to:

– adopt the draft Decision, as set out in Annex I 9218/1/15 and the annex to Annex 1;

and

– adopt the Statement set out in Annex 2 to 9218/1/15.