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Delegations will find attached a Commission statement.

ANNEX

Commission statement on

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The Commission considers that the Court of Justice has clarified in its judgment of 9 April 2024 in case C-551/21 that ensuring the signing of international agreements outside the area of the CFSP is a prerogative of the Commission in accordance with the Treaties. It is therefore not for the Council to lay down provisions as to the signing by the Commission of international agreements outside the area of the CFSP.