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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Guiding principles for structured dialogues under the Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA) - Adoption

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1. Following the meeting of the Permanent Representatives Committee on 26 April 2023, in which that Committee expressed support for exploring further areas of cooperation with the United Kingdom under the Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA), the Council, the Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy discussed the principles that should guide the structured dialogues foreseen under the Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA).

2. These discussions have culminated in the draft Joint Statement contained in document ST 9070/4/23 REV 4, which was agreed at the level of the Working Group on the United Kingdom on 24 October 2023. The Joint Statement is accompanied by a Council Statement contained in document ST 14342/1/23 REV 1, which was also agreed at the same meeting. The High Representative has presented a statement contained in ST 14583/23.
3. The Guiding Principles contained in the Joint Statement foresee the scope and manner in which the dialogues with the UK under the TCA will be conducted by the Commission and by the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, and also foresee the methods and modalities in which such dialogues are prepared in the Council, whilst bearing in mind the specific nature of the relations with the UK. Lastly, the Joint Statement foresees the presence of Member States in these dialogues as part of the Union delegation, the precise details of which will need to be agreed between the Council, Commission and the High Representative by June 2024.
4. In light of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:
  - confirm its agreement on the text of the above-mentioned Joint Statement as set out in document ST 9070/4/23 REV 4; and on the text of the Council Statement set out in document ST 14342/1/23 REV 1.
  - recommend that the Council approves, on its behalf, the Joint Statement as set out in document ST 9070/4/23 REV 4 and the Council Statement set out in document ST 14342/1/23 REV 1.