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From:	Presidency
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	10592/1/21 REV 1
Subject:	Council Decision authorising the Member States to accept, in the interest of the European Union, the accession of Tunisia to the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction - Adoption

1. On 7 July 2021, the Commission submitted a proposal for a Council Decision authorising the Member States to accept, in the interest of the European Union, the accession of Tunisia to the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction.

2. The European Parliament was consulted on 15 July 2021 and adopted a positive opinion on 25 November 2021.

3. The Working Party on Civil Law Matters (General Questions) examined the Commission proposal and delegations were invited to make comments. In the light of those comments, the proposal has been redrafted and revised by Jurists-Linguists as set out in document 13840/22. Delegations are in a position to agree on the proposal. The Austrian and German delegations indicated their intention to abstain.

4. Ireland is bound by Regulation (EU) 2019/1111 (Brussels IIb) and is therefore taking part in the adoption and application of this Decision.

5. In accordance with Articles 1 and 2 of Protocol No 22 on the position of Denmark, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Denmark is not taking part in the adoption of this Decision and is not bound by it or subject to its application.

6. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to recommend that the Council adopts a Decision authorising the Member States to accept, in the interest of the European Union, the accession of Tunisia to the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, as set out in document 13840/22.

7. Subject to such recommendation by the Permanent Representatives Committee, the Council is invited to adopt a Decision authorising the Member States to accept, in the interest of the European Union, the accession of Tunisia to the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, as set out in document 13840/22.