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*- Note from the Austrian, Belgian, Bulgarian, Danish, Estonian, Finnish,  
French, German, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Luxembourg, Maltese,  
Slovenian and Swedish delegations*

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With a view to the meeting of the Competitiveness Council on 7 December 2023, delegations will find attached a note from the above-mentioned delegations on the “Entry into operation of the Unified Patent Court”.

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The Ministers of the participating Member States of the Unified Patent Court (UPC) Agreement recall the European Council Conclusions of 29-30 June 2023, where the European Council welcomes the entry into force of the UPC Agreement for the participating Member States, and the consequent entry into operation of the unitary patent, which will help boost innovation and competitiveness.

In this regard, the Ministers of the participating Member States of the UPC Agreement also welcome the unanimous decision of the Administrative Committee of the UPC on 26 June 2023 to amend the UPC Agreement and establish a section of the central division of the Court of First Instance in Milan.

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