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

Subject: Arrangements for structured dialogues on counterterrorism and cyber issues under the Trade and Cooperation Agreement concluded with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- Approval

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), in particular those on cyber issues and counterterrorism.

2. These discussions have culminated in the arrangements contained in document ST 16278/23, which were agreed at the level of the Working Group on the United Kingdom on 6 December 2023.
3. The arrangements foresee the scope and agreed working methods and practical modalities for the dialogues on counterterrorism and cyber issues with the UK, by reference to the modalities established in Article 2(2) of Council Decision (EU) 2021/689 on the conclusion of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement¹ in relation to the joint bodies implementing the TCA. The arrangements also address the presence of Member States in these dialogues.
4. In light of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:
 - confirm its agreement on the text of the above-mentioned arrangements as set out in document ST 16278/23; and
 - recommend that the Council approves, on its behalf, the arrangements as set out in document ST 16278/23.

¹ Council Decision (EU) 2021/689 on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the other part, and of the Agreement between the European Union and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning security procedures for exchanging and protecting classified information (OJ L 149, 30.4.2021, p. 2).