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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council
Subject:	Draft Council Decision empowering France to negotiate a bilateral agreement with Algeria concerning judicial cooperation in civil matters related to family law - Adoption

1. On 8 February 2023, the Commission submitted its proposal¹, based on Article 81(3) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Parliament was consulted on 17 February 2023 and adopted a positive opinion on 12 December 2023.
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 agreed in the Working Party on Civil Law Matters (General Questions) meeting on 20 June 2023². The text was later revised by Lawyer-Linguists as set out in document 15124/23. Delegations are in a position to agree on the proposal.

¹ 6253/23.

² 15251/23.

4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to
- (a) confirm its agreement on the text of the draft decision of the Council as set out in document 15124/23, and
 - (b) recommend that the Council^{3 4} adopts the Decision empowering France to negotiate a bilateral agreement with Algeria concerning judicial cooperation in civil matters related to family law, as set out in document 15124/23.
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³ In accordance with Articles 1 and 2 of Protocol No 22 on the position of Denmark, annexed to the TEU and to the TFEU, Denmark is not taking part in the adoption of this Decision and is not bound by it or subject to its application.

⁴ In accordance with Articles 1 and 2 of Protocol No 21 on the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in respect of the area of freedom, security and justice, annexed to the Treaty on European Union (TEU) and to the TFEU, and without prejudice to Article 4 of that Protocol, Ireland is not taking part in the adoption of this Decision and is not bound by it or subject to its application.