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From: UK Mission to the European Union  
To: Working Party on Civil Law Matters (General Questions)

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Subject: The UK's Notification regarding the Brussels Convention 1968 and the 1971 Protocol, including subsequent amendments and accessions, having ceased to apply to the United Kingdom and Gibraltar from 1 January 2021, as a consequence of the United Kingdom ceasing to be a Member State of the European Union and of the end of the Transition Period

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Delegations will find for their information in the Annex a Notification from the United Kingdom on the above subject.



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The Head of the United Kingdom's Mission to the European Union presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union and has the honour to refer to the Convention on Jurisdiction and the Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters (including the Protocol of 27 September 1968 annexed to that Convention) signed at Brussels on 27 September 1968 (the "Brussels Convention 1968"), and to the Protocol on the Interpretation by the Court of Justice of the Convention of 27 September 1968 on Jurisdiction and the Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters signed at Luxembourg on 3 June 1971 (the "1971 Protocol"), including subsequent accessions and amendments to the Brussels Convention 1968 and the 1971 Protocol. The United Kingdom acceded to the Brussels Convention 1968 and to the 1971 Protocol by way of an accession convention signed on 9 October 1978.

The United Kingdom made a declaration, on 30 July 1998, that its accession to the Brussels Convention 1968 and the 1971 Protocol was to apply to Gibraltar.

At 0000 (midnight) CET on 31 January 2020, the United Kingdom ceased to be a Member State of the European Union ("EU"). The Agreement on the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community entered into force on 1 February 2020 and contains provisions for a Transition Period during which EU law continued to apply to the United Kingdom. The Transition Period came to an end at 0000 (midnight) CET on 31 December 2020.

The Government of the United Kingdom hereby notifies the Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union that it considers that the Brussels Convention 1968 and the 1971 Protocol, including subsequent amendments and accessions, ceased to apply to the United Kingdom and Gibraltar from 1 January 2021, as a consequence of the United Kingdom ceasing to be a Member State of the European Union and of the end of the Transition Period.