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From:	Presidency
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Eurojust's plans to start formal negotiations to enter into a cooperation agreement with Serbia

1. By letter of 31 January 2019, set out in the Annex, the President of Eurojust informed the Council of Eurojust's plans to start formal negotiations to enter into a cooperation agreement with Serbia.
2. In accordance with Article 26a(2) of Council Decision 2002/187/JHA of 28 February 2002 setting up Eurojust, as last amended by Council Decision 2009/426/JHA of 16 December 2008, the Council may draw any conclusions it deems appropriate concerning such plans.
3. The above-mentioned letter was examined by the JAIEX Working Party on 25 February 2019. No Member States presented any comments.
4. Subject to approval by Coreper, the Council is invited to take note of Eurojust's plans to start formal negotiations with a view to entering into a cooperation agreement with Serbia.

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The Hague, 31 January 2019

**Eurojust to start formal negotiations to enter into a cooperation agreement with Serbia**

Dear Ms Visoiu,

In accordance with Article 26a(2) final sentence of Council Decision of 28 February 2002 setting up Eurojust, as last amended by Council Decision 2009/426/JHA of 16 December 2008, I am pleased to inform you that Eurojust intends to start on 15 March 2019 formal negotiations to enter into a cooperation agreement with Serbia.

This follows the decision taken by the College of Eurojust in 2017 to include Serbia in its priority list for entering into cooperation agreements with third States, and the consequent College of Eurojust decision of 29 January 2019 to start formal negotiations.

We look forward to receiving the Council's conclusions on the above, prior to the indicated start of the negotiations.

Yours sincerely,

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