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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council
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Subject:	Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the positions to be taken on behalf of the European Union by written procedure by the Participants to the Arrangement on Officially Supported Export Credits and the Participants to the Sector Understanding on Export Credits for Civil Aircraft ("ASU") regarding the requests by the United Kingdom to become a Participant thereto - Adoption

1. On 21 April 2021, the Commission submitted to Council a "Proposal for a Council Decision on the positions to be taken on behalf of the European Union by written procedure by the Participants to the Arrangement on Officially Supported Export Credits and the Participants to the Sector Understanding on Export Credits for Civil Aircraft ("ASU") regarding the requests by the United Kingdom to become a Participant thereto"[1]. This proposal is based on the first subparagraph of Article 207(4) TFEU in conjunction with Article 218(9) thereof.

2. In a letter of 28 January 2021, the United Kingdom requested that the Participants to the Arrangement and the Participants to the Aircraft Sector Understanding (ASU) agree to the United Kingdom becoming a Participant to the Arrangement and the ASU, respectively. The Participants to the Arrangement and the Participants to the ASU are to decide by written procedure on these requests.

[1] doc 8031/21

3. The Commission proposal aims to determine the position to be taken by the European Union within the Participants to the Arrangement and the Participants to the ASU on these requests.

4. The Working Party on the United Kingdom (WPUK) examined the proposal at its meeting of 22 April 2021 and had no objections to it.

5. Following comments in the Export Credits Group, Article 2 of the Council Decision was revised in a Presidency compromise[2].

6. In the absence of a meeting of the Export Credits Group owing to the current travel restrictions, the delegates exchanged their positions in writing on the Presidency compromise for a Council Decision[3] and reached an agreement on 11 May 2021 on it.

7. The Working Party on the United Kingdom (WPUK) took note, at its meeting of 17 May 2021, of the agreement reached by the Export Credits Group on 11 May 2021.

8. It is, therefore, suggested that the Permanent Representatives Committee invite the Council, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, to

   - adopt the Council Decision on the positions to be taken on behalf of the European Union by written procedure by the Participants to the Arrangement on Officially Supported Export Credits and the Participants to the Sector Understanding on Export Credits for Civil Aircraft ("ASU") regarding the requests by the United Kingdom to become a Participant thereto, as finalised by the legal/linguistic experts, set out in 8354/21[4];

   - inform the European Parliament of the Council Decision in accordance with Article 218 (10) TFEU.

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[2] WK 5756/2021 INIT
[3] WK 5756/2021 INIT
[4] document to be issued