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**on the consequences of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union
for the Advocates-General of the Court of Justice of the European Union**

The Conference of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States (the 'Conference') recalls that, by Decision 2013/336/EU, the Council set the number of Advocates-General of the Court of Justice of the European Union at 11. In addition, the Conference recalls that, on 29 March 2017, the United Kingdom notified the European Council of its intention to withdraw from the European Union. In accordance with Article 50(3) of the Treaty on European Union, the Treaties cease to apply to the withdrawing Member State from the date of entry into force of the withdrawal agreement.

The ongoing mandates of members of institutions, bodies, offices and agencies of the Union nominated, appointed or elected in relation to the United Kingdom's membership of the Union will therefore automatically end as soon as the Treaties cease to apply to the United Kingdom, that is, on the date of the withdrawal.

The Conference notes that the permanent post of Advocate-General which was assigned to the United Kingdom by Declaration No 38 annexed to the Final Act of the Intergovernmental Conference which adopted the Treaty of Lisbon will therefore be integrated in the rotation system among the Member States for the appointment of Advocates-General. The rotation system will therefore involve the rotation of six Advocates-General. The Conference notes that, in accordance with the protocol order, the next eligible Member State is the Hellenic Republic ('Greece').

In view of the exceptional circumstances in which this appointment will be made and in order to comply with the rule on the partial replacement of the members of the Court of Justice every three years and the rule on their six-year terms of office, as set out in the first and second paragraphs of Article 253 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the Conference agrees that the term of office of the Advocate-General proposed by Greece for the newly vacant post of Advocate-General will end on the date of the next partial replacement of the members of the Court of Justice, that is, on 6 October 2021. The Conference further agrees that Greece will propose that that term of office be renewed for a period of six years from 7 October 2021 to 6 October 2027.
