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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)

Subject: Arrangement for the Implementation of the Joint Action Plan on Counter-Terrorism for the Western Balkans between the European Commission and the authorities of Albania
- Information

1. The Joint Action Plan on Counter-Terrorism for the Western Balkans¹ signed in October 2018 on behalf of the EU and the six Western Balkans partners foresees tailor-made follow-up on priority actions with each Western Balkans partner.
2. During the TWP/COTER meeting on 20 March 2019 delegations have been debriefed on discussions between the Commission and the authorities of Albania on the implementation of the Joint Action Plan.
3. On 5 July 2019 the Commission transmitted the Arrangement for the Implementation of the Joint Action Plan on Counter-Terrorism for the Western Balkans between the European Commission and the authorities of Albania to the Council of the European Union for its timely information.²

¹ ST 12411/18

² WK 8219/2019

4. In light of the above, the Presidency would like to inform the Permanent Representatives Committee that the internal procedures of the authorities of Albania for validation and to enable signature of the Arrangement are still ongoing and that the Commission would sign the Arrangement with Albania in a timely manner at a mutually agreeable date.
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