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Subject: Council Regulation on standards for security features and biometrics in
passports and travel documents issued by Member States

Delegations will find attached a unilateral statement from the United Kingdom.

UNILATERAL UNITED KINGDOM STATEMENT

"The United Kingdom recalls that, under the Protocols on the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland and on integrating the Schengen *aquis* into the framework of the European Union, it has the right to take part in the adoption of this measure. It regrets that it has been denied that right.

The adoption of this measure is without prejudice to the United Kingdom's legal position, and its right to take such legal steps in accordance with that position as it considers necessary."
