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ADDENDUM TO “I/A” ITEM NOTE

from: General Secretariat of the Council
to: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

No. Cion prop.: 11720/12 ASIM 77 NT 16

Subject: Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and Republic of Turkey on the readmission of persons residing without authorisation
COMMON GUIDELINES
Consultation deadline: 26.06.2012

Statement to be entered in the Council minutes

Statement concerning the participation of the United Kingdom in the readmission agreement between Turkey and the EU

The UK attaches significant importance to ensuring a continuing dialogue and broader partnership working with Turkey in the areas of Justice and Home Affairs. While the UK has not notified the President of the Council of its intention to participate in the readmission agreement between Turkey and the EU, we note the necessity to conclude the discussions. Our intention is to not prolong the discussion and therefore we are – in this instance - agreeing to the adoption of this Decision before the three month period as set out in Article 3 of Protocol 21 on the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in respect of the area of Freedom, Security and Justice annexed to the Treaty on European Union. We welcome the commitment on both sides to signing the readmission agreement.