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Subject: Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and Japan on the mutual legal assistance in criminal matters  
- Adoption

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1. In accordance with Council Decision 2010/88/CFSP/JHA, the Agreement between the European Union and Japan on the mutual legal assistance in criminal matters was signed on 30 November and 15 December 2009, subject to its conclusion at a later date.
2. On 18 December 2009 the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and Japan on the mutual legal assistance in criminal matters.

3. On 15 February 2010 the Council decided to forward the draft decision on conclusion as contained in 5308/10 JAI 37 COPEN 9 COASI 6 as well as the text of the Agreement as contained 15915/09 COPEN 227 COASI 202 + REV 1 (de) + REV 2 (fi) to the European Parliament for its consent<sup>1</sup>.
4. On 17 March 2010, the United Kingdom notified the Council that it intended to participate in the adoption of the decision on conclusion of this Agreement<sup>2</sup>.
5. On 16 April 2010, Ireland notified the Council that it intended to participate in the adoption of the decision on conclusion of this Agreement<sup>3</sup>.
6. On 7 September 2010, the European Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement.
7. It is therefore suggested the Permanent Representatives Committee recommend that the Council adopts, as an "A" item, the Decision on conclusion of the Agreement as set out in 5308/10 JAI 37 COPEN 9 COASI 6.

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<sup>1</sup> 5369/10 JAI 53 COPEN 13 COASI 7.

<sup>2</sup> 7670/10 JAI 228 COPEN 69 COASI 44.

<sup>3</sup> 9262/10 JAI 377 COPEN 116 ENFOPOL 117 COASI 83.