Agreement on cooperation between Eurojust and Georgia

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PURPOSE: to approve the conclusion by Eurojust of the Agreement on cooperation between Eurojust and Georgia.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the Council adopts the act after consulting the European Parliament but without being required to follow its opinion.

BACKGROUND: Decision 2002/187/JHA provides that Eurojust may conclude agreements with third countries and organisations. Such agreements may cover the exchange of information, including personal data, and the secondment of liaison officers or magistrates to Eurojust. Such agreements may be concluded only after consultation by Eurojust of the Joint Supervisory Body with regard to the provisions on data protection and after approval by the Council.

To strengthen its capacity to work with Georgia, Eurojust has negotiated an agreement on cooperation between Eurojust and Georgia.

Georgia has ratified the Council of Europe Convention and the Additional Protocol regarding supervisory authorities and transborder data flows. The Joint Supervisory Body of Eurojust has delivered a positive opinion on the data protection provisions of the Agreement. The agreement was approved by the College of Eurojust on 20 September 2018.

CONTENT: by virtue of this draft Council Implementing Decision, Eurojust would be authorised to **conclude the Agreement on cooperation between Eurojust and Georgia**.

The agreement includes provisions on the exchange of personal data.

Denmark, the United Kingdom and Ireland are participating in the adoption and implementation of the Decision.