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TABC Welcomes UK Decision to Ratify the Agreement for the Establishment of the UPC

Brussels – Following the results of the EU Competitiveness Council on 28 November 2016, the Trans-Atlantic Business Council appreciates and supports the United Kingdom's continued interest in the Unified Patent Court (UPC), reflected by the confirmation of its delegation to start preparations for the ratification of the agreement for the establishment of the UPC. This action by the British government demonstrates that the UK recognizes the importance to its global competitiveness of a cooperative approach to simplify the patent protection system, encouraging innovation among the signatories of this Treaty.

However, should the UK eventually leave the EU as a result of the Brexit process, we encourage all concerned stakeholders to ensure that a single, uniform patent application and recognition process remains in place.

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