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from : Mr Kim Darroch, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom
dated 24 July 2008

to : Mme Rachida Dati, President of the Council of the European Union

Subject : Regulation (EC) No. 593/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of
17 June 2008 on the law applicable to contractual obligations (Rome I)
- Opt-in United Kingdom

I refer to Regulation (EC) No 593/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 June 2008 on the law applicable to contractual obligations (Rome I).

The Regulation was made on the basis of Article 61(c) and the second indent of Article 67(5) of the Treaty establishing the European Community. Under Article 4 of the Protocol to that Treaty governing the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in relation to measures under Title IV of the Treaty, the United Kingdom may, at any time after the adoption of such a measure by the Council, notify its intention to the Council and to the Commission that it wishes to accept that measure.

The purpose of this letter is to communicate the United Kingdom's formal notification that it wishes to accept and therefore to participate in the Rome I Regulation.

I am copying this letter to Jonathan Faull at the Commission and Ivan Bizjak in the Council Secretariat.

(signed) Kim Darroch
