



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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**Communication from the European Commission representing the European Union
to the Swiss Federal Council as the Depository of the 2007 Lugano Convention
(concerning the application of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern
Ireland to accede the 2007 Lugano Convention)**

The European Commission representing the European Union presents its compliments to the Swiss Federal Council as Depository of the 2007 Convention on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters (“Lugano Convention”).

Reference is made to the application of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland dated 2 April 2020 to accede the Lugano Convention. In its application, the United Kingdom proposed to extend the application of the Lugano Convention to Gibraltar. This application was deposited on 8 April 2020 with the Swiss Federal Council as the Depository of the Lugano Convention.

By letter of 14 April 2020, the Depository officially transmitted the said application and the related information to the Contracting Parties to the Lugano Convention, including the European Union.

According to Article 72 of the Lugano Convention, the Depository invited the Contracting Parties to notify to the Depository their opinion on the application of the United Kingdom.

The European Commission, representing the European Union, would like to notify to you that the European Union is not in a position to give its consent to invite the United Kingdom to accede to the Lugano Convention.

The European Commission representing the European Union avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Swiss Federal Council the assurances of its highest consideration.