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The Commission has been in contact with the French authorities on the text of the Agreement on the prevention of dangerous journeys between France and the United Kingdom (UK) in order to ensure its compatibility with the EU acquis.

The Agreement between France and the UK will run until the entry into application of the Pact on Migration and Asylum (11 June 2026)¹, unless terminated beforehand, and its implementation will also be subject to a real-time monitoring. France and the UK have agreed to invite the Commission as an observer to the Joint Committee established for the purpose of monitoring the implementation of the Agreement. The Commission will thus be able to monitor the implementation of the Agreement in practice, to make sure that it remains compatible with the EU acquis and that it does not impact the ongoing implementation of the Pact on Migration and Asylum.

While the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the EU and the UK² does not include provisions on asylum, returns, family reunion for unaccompanied minors, or illegal migration, the Parties of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement took note in a joint Declaration³ of the UK's intention to engage in bilateral discussions with the most concerned Member States to discuss suitable practical arrangements on these issues, in accordance with the Parties' respective laws and regulations.

¹ https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies/migration-and-asylum/pact-migration-and-asylum_en.

² Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the other part, OJ L 149 of 30 April 2021, p. 10.

³ Declarations referred to in the Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement and of the Agreement concerning security procedures for exchanging and protecting classified information – Joint political declaration on asylum and returns, OJ L 149 of 30 April 2021, p. 2552.