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from : Mr Hugh BOYLE, Ministry of Justice, Equality and Law Reform, Ireland
date of receipt : 23 December 2003
to : Mr Hans G. NILSSON, General Secretariat of the Council
Subject : Implementation of the European arrest warrant

I am writing to notify you that the European Arrest Warrant Bill 2003 has passed through the Houses of the Irish Parliament and is awaiting signature by the President. This legislation will transpose the Framework Decision on the European arrest warrant into Irish law on January 1st 2004. The text of the European Arrest Warrant Act 2003 will be forwarded in January 2004 as required under Article 32 of the Framework Decision.

In accordance with the provisions of the Framework Decision, Ireland now wishes to make the following notifications:

Notification under Article 6(3)

The issuing judicial authorities for Ireland shall be the District Court, the Circuit Criminal Court, the High Court and the Special Criminal Court.

The executing judicial authority for Ireland shall be the High Court.

Notification under Article 7(2)

The designated Central Authority for Ireland for the purposes of the Framework Decision shall be the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform,

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Notification under Art 8(2)

Ireland's legislation provides that where the European arrest warrant is in a language other than the Irish language or the English language, a translation of the European arrest warrant into the Irish language or the English language should be transmitted with the European arrest warrant to the Central Authority in Ireland.

Notification under Article 25(2)

The authority responsible for receiving transit requests shall be the central authority for Ireland, i.e. The Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform,

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Ireland does not intend to make any notification under Articles 27(1) and 28(1) of the Framework Decision.

(complimentary close)

(signed) Hugh BOYLE
