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to:	Mr Charles ELSSEN, Director General, General Secretariat of the Council, DG H
Subject:	Statements made to the General Secretariat of the Council in the context of the implementation of the European arrest warrant with reference to the Framework Decision of 13 June 2002

Sir,

I enclose the statements made by the French authorities in the context of the implementation of the Framework Decision on the European arrest warrant.

(Complimentary close)

(signed) Daniel LECRUBIER

Encl.:

**STATEMENTS MADE TO THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE COUNCIL
IN THE CONTEXT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE EUROPEAN ARREST WARRANT
WITH REFERENCE TO THE FRAMEWORK DECISION OF 13 JUNE 2002**

Article 6(3)

The Government of the French Republic hereby designates:

- the prosecutors in the public prosecutor's office as judicial authorities competent to issue a European arrest warrant for the purposes of executing arrest warrants issued by an examining magistrate, a trial court or a judge responsible for the execution of sentences, and to ensure that custodial sentences are carried out;
- the principal public prosecutors and the examining magistrates' offices as judicial authorities competent to execute European arrest warrants issued by a foreign judicial authority.

Article 7

The Government of the French Republic hereby designates the Ministry of Justice, Directorate for Criminal Matters and Pardons, Sub-directorate for special criminal justice matters, Office for international mutual assistance in criminal matters, 13, place Vendôme, 75042 Paris CEDEX 01 as the authority responsible for:

- forwarding through diplomatic channels to the authorities of another State or to an international organisation requests from the French judicial authorities for the waiving of a privilege or immunity which the person sought might be entitled to with regard to that other State or international organisation;

- receiving through diplomatic channels requests from foreign judicial authorities for the waiving of a privilege or immunity which the person sought might be entitled to in France.

Article 25(2)

The Government of the French Republic hereby designates the Ministry of Justice, Directorate for Criminal Matters and Pardons, Sub-directorate for special criminal justice matters, Office for international mutual assistance in criminal matters, 13, place Vendôme, 75042 Paris CEDEX 01 as the authority responsible for receiving transit requests and the necessary documents, as well as any other official correspondence relating to transit requests.

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