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From:	Mr Ivan Rogers, Permanent Representative, Permanent Representation of the United Kingdom to the European Union
On:	20 February 2015
To:	Mr Rafael Fernández-Pita y González, Director-General, Council of the European Union

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Subject:	Council Framework Decision 2006/783/JHA of 6 October 2006 on the application of the principle of mutual recognition to confiscation orders - Notification by the United Kingdom
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Dear Sir,

I am writing to inform you of the following declarations made by the United Kingdom to the Council Framework Decision 2006/783/JHA relating to the mutual recognition of confiscation orders. Domestic law in the United Kingdom giving effect to these measures was made on the 3 December 2014.

The following declarations have been made in order to make full and effective use of the Framework Decisions in UK domestic law.

The UK welcomes and implements the mutual recognition principle between Member States for the execution of judicial decisions and this complements the UK domestic law on asset recovery and the confiscation of assets as provided by UK domestic legislation - The Proceeds of Crime Act 2002.

Council Framework Decision 2006/783/JHA

In relation to Council Framework Decision 2006/783/JHA, under Article 3 any prosecutor in the UK can forward orders made in UK by the courts relating to property in other Member States. In relation to orders made by Member States relating to property in the United Kingdom, the following bodies are competent authorities:

For England and Wales:

Crown Prosecution Service

Proceeds of Crime

Rose Court

2 Southwark Bridge

London

SE1 9HS

or:

Serious Fraud Office

Proceeds of Crime

Serious Fraud Office

2-4 Cockspur Street

London

SW1Y 5BS

For Northern Ireland:

Public Prosecution Service for Northern Ireland

High Court & International Section

Belfast Chambers

93 Chichester Street

Belfast

BT1 3JR

or:

Serious Fraud Office  
Proceeds of Crime  
Serious Fraud Office  
2-4 Cockspur Street  
London  
SW1Y 5BS

For Scotland:

International Co-operation Unit  
Crown Office  
25 Chambers Street  
Edinburgh  
EH1 1LA  
Tel: +44 (0)131 243 8152  
Fax: +44 (0)131 243 8153  
Email: coicu@copfs.gsi.gov.uk

We emphasize that the power and responsibility to issue and recognise confiscation orders is a matter for the UK court.

In relation to Article 19(2), the United Kingdom will only accept orders, certificates and other supporting documents written in the English language (or accompanied by a certified English translation).

We emphasize that the power and responsibility to issue and recognise freezing orders is a matter for the UK court.

Should you wish to discuss any of the declarations set out above, Stephen Goadby from the Home Office would be happy to provide further details - [stephen.goadby@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:stephen.goadby@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk)  
+44 (0)20 7035 1559.

(Complimentary close)

(s.) Ivan Rogers

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