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PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF FRANCE TO THE EU

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS

Brussels, 12 June 2018

**The Head of the Department of Justice and Home Affairs**

**to**

**The Secretary-General of the European Commission**

**Subject:** Notification concerning Directive 2014/41/EU regarding the European Investigation Order in criminal matters

**Ref.:** 2018-1370249-JUD 672

**Encl:** Reply from the French authorities

Please find attached the notification from the French authorities concerning Directive 2014/41/EU regarding the European Investigation Order.

JEAN MAFART

Paris, 11 June 2018

## **NOTE FROM THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES**

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In accordance with Article 34(3) and (4) of Directive 2014/41/EU regarding the European Investigation Order, bilateral or multilateral conventions or agreements concluded with other Member States, which make it possible to further strengthen the aims of this Directive and contribute to simplifying or further facilitating the procedures for gathering evidence, and which the Member States wish to continue to apply, must be notified to the Commission.

Further to the note of 5 May 2017 and pursuant to the aforementioned provision, the French authorities hereby notify the European Commission, as a point of clarification, that they will continue to apply all the provisions of existing bilateral and multilateral instruments of cooperation between police authorities and customs authorities concluded with other EU Member States. These instruments are indeed not affected by Directive 2014/41/EU, the scope of which concerns judicial cooperation in criminal matters.