

## Translation of a letter

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To: Martin Selmayr, Secretary-General, European Commission, Brussels

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Pursuant to Article 33(1)(a) of Directive 2014/41/EU of 3 April 2014 regarding the European Investigation Order (EIO) in criminal matters, Portugal hereby notifies the Commission that, in accordance with Article 12 of Law No 88/2017 of 21 August 2017, the competent authorities for the issuing of EIOs are the Public Prosecution Service (*Ministério Público*), investigating judges and judges. EIOs may also be issued by the national member of EUROJUST in accordance with his/her legal powers, under the terms of and in the circumstances set out in Article 8(3) and (4) of Law No 36/2003 of 22 August 2003, as amended by Law No 20/2014 of 15 April 2014.

The Public Prosecution Service, investigating judges and judges are the competent authorities for the enforcement of EIOs, in accordance with Article 18 of Law No 88/2017 of 21 August 2017.

Pursuant to Article 33(1)(c) of the same Directive, Portugal hereby notifies the Commission that the central authority is the Prosecutor General's Office (*Procuradoria-Geral da República*), in accordance with Article 10 of Law No 88/2017 of 21 August 2017.

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