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from	:	Laurette Onkelinx, Minister for Justice
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to	:	Charles Elsen, General Secretariat of the Council
Subject:		Council Framework Decision of 13 June 2002 on the European arrest warrant and the surrender procedures between Member States Notifications by the Kingdom of Belgium

Please find attached the notifications made by the Kingdom of Belgium in accordance with the Framework Decision of 13 June 2002 on the European arrest warrant and the surrender procedures between Member States and the law of 19 December 2003 on the European arrest warrant.

(Complimentary close)

- Article 6(3) of the Framework Decision:

Competent issuing judicial authority: in the case of a European arrest warrant for the purposes of prosecution, the examining magistrate, and in the case of an arrest warrant for the purposes of executing a sentence or a detention order, the public prosecutor.

Competent executing judicial authority: the examining magistrate and the court in chambers (chambre du Conseil).

- Article 7(2) of the Framework Decision:

In accordance with Article 7(1) of the Framework Decision, the Federal Department of Justice has been designated as the central authority to assist the competent judicial authorities if they so request.

The details of the central authority are as follows:

SERVICE PUBLIC FEDERAL JUSTICE

Service de l'entraide judiciaire internationale en matière pénale

Boulevard de Waterloo, 15

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- Article 25(2) of the Framework Decision:

The Minister for Justice is the authority responsible for receiving transit requests and the necessary documents, as well as any other official correspondence relating to such requests.

Transit requests should be sent to the Federal Department of Justice at the following address:

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