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Information to be communicated pursuant to Directive 2011/99/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on the European protection order

I - Information to be communicated under Article 3(1) of the Directive

Pursuant to Article 6 of Law No 71/2015 of 20 July 2015, the authority competent for issuing a European protection order is the judicial authority which took the decision to apply a coercive measure, an injunction or a rule of conduct, in connection with the temporary suspension of proceedings or of a sentence, involving a restraining order or a prohibition of contact with the protected person. In the event that the proceedings in which the decision was taken to apply a coercive measure, an injunction or a rule of conduct in connection with the provisional suspension of proceedings, at the investigation stage, or of a sentence, move on to another procedural stage, the judicial authority in charge of the proceedings at the time shall be competent for issuing the European protection order.

Pursuant to Article 14 of Law No 71/2015 of 20 July 2015, the authority competent for recognising and executing a European protection order is the general section of the local court (*secção de competência genérica da instância local*) or, if the court has separate chambers, the criminal chamber of the local court (*secção criminal da instância local*) of the protected persons's district of residence or place of stay.

II - Information to be communicated under Article 4(3) of the Directive

Pursuant to Article 5 of Law No 71/2015 of 20 July 2015, the Prosecutor-General's Office (*Procuradoria-Geral da República*) is the designated central authority responsible for providing assistance with respect to all official correspondence relating to the issuing and execution of European protection orders.

III - Information to be communicated under Article 21(2) of the Directive

Directive transposed by means of Law No 71/2015 of 20 July 2015 laying down the legal arrangements for the issuing and transmission between Portugal and the other Member States of the European Union of decisions applying protection measures and transposing Directive 2011/99/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on the European protection order.

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