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from :	Mr John GRANT, The Permanent Representative, United Kingdom
date of receipt :	19 December 2003
to :	Mr Javier SOLANA, Secretary-General/High Representative
Subject :	UK implementation of the European arrest warrant

Dear Secretary-General,

I am writing to notify you that the UK Extradition Act 2003 was enacted on 20 November and will come into force on 1 January 2004. This legislation transposes the Framework Decision on the European Arrest Warrant (2002/584/JHA) into UK law. In addition, the Extradition Act 2003 updates the way that the UK will handle extradition requests from non-EAW countries. In accordance with the provisions of the Framework Decision, the UK should like to make the following notifications:

Notification under Article 6(3)

The issuing judicial authority as described in Article 6(1) of the Framework Decision will be:

- a) for requests made by England and Wales, a District Judge (Magistrates' Courts); a justice of the peace or a judge entitled to exercise the jurisdiction of the Crown Court;
- b) for Scotland, a sheriff, and
- c) for Northern Ireland, a justice of the peace, a resident magistrate or a Crown Court judge.

The executing judicial authority as described in Article 6(2) of the Framework Decision will be:

- a) in England and Wales, a District Judge (Magistrates' Courts) designated by the Lord Chancellor;
- b) in Scotland, the sheriff of Lothian and Borders; and
- c) in Northern Ireland; a county court judge or resident magistrate designated by the Lord Chancellor.

Notification under Article 7(2)

The designated central authority to assist the competent judicial authorities will be:

- a) for the United Kingdom:
 - the National Criminal Intelligence Service
 - PO BOX 8000
 - UK - London SE11 5EN: and
- b) where the subject of the warrant is known to be in Scotland:
 - The Scottish Crown Office
 - 25 Chambers Street
 - UK - Edinburgh EH 1 1LA

Notification under Article 25(2)

The designated authority for receiving transit requests and the necessary documents, as well as any other official correspondence relating to transit requests will be:

the National Criminal Intelligence Service
PO Box 8000
UK - London SE11 5EN

The UK does not intend to make any notifications under Articles 27(1) and 28(1) of the Framework Decision.

(complimentary close)

(signed) John GRANT
