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from:	Normunds Popens, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Latvia to the European Union
to:	General Secretariat of the Council
Subject:	Framework Decision 2005/214/JHA of 24 February 2005 on the application of the principle of mutual recognition to financial penalties - Notification letter

Delegations will find attached a notification letter from the Republic of Latvia.

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*Re: implementation of Council Framework Decision 2005/214/JHA
of 24 February 2005*

Sir,

Pursuant to Article 20(5) of Council Framework Decision 2005/214/JHA of 24 February 2005 on the application of the principle of mutual recognition to financial penalties (hereinafter "the Framework Decision") Latvia hereby gives notice that it has transposed that Framework Decision with the "Amendments to the Criminal Procedure Code" law that came into force on 29 July 2008.

In accordance with Article 2 of the Framework Decision, we would inform you that Latvia's "competent authority in the executing State" is the City (District) Court while the "competent authority in the issuing State" is the court or the public prosecutor's office. The central authority is the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Latvia.

With reference to Article 16(1) of the Framework Decision, Latvia declares that the supporting document provided for in Article 4 of the Framework Decision will be accepted in Latvian or English.

Annexes: (1) Latvia's notification and declaration (1 page)

Yours faithfully,

Normunds Popenis
Permanent Representative

**Notifications and declarations by the Republic of Latvia concerning the Council
Framework Decision of 24 February 2005
on the application of the principle of mutual recognition
to financial penalties
(2005/214/JHA)**

Framework Decision, Article 2:

Competent authority in Latvia as executing State: any district (city) court

Competent authority in Latvia as issuing State: any court or public prosecutor

Central authority:
Tieslietu ministrija (Ministry of Justice)
Brīvības bulv. 36 - Riga
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Framework Decision, Article 16(1):

Latvia accepts, for execution, asset recovery decisions and supporting documents drawn up in Latvian or English.

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