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Subject :	Council Framework Decision on the application of the principle of mutual recognition to judgments and probation decisions with a view to the supervision of probation measures and alternative sanctions - Declaration by Finland

Delegations will find in the annex a declaration by Finland concerning the above mentioned Framework Decision.



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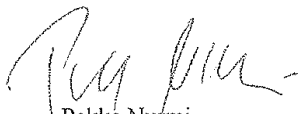
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Declaration by Finland in accordance with Article 23(4) of the Framework Decision on the recognition and supervision of suspended sentences, alternative sanctions and conditional sentences

In accordance with Article 23(2) of the Framework Decision, Member States may continue to apply bilateral or multilateral agreements or arrangements in force after 6 December 2008, in so far as they allow the objectives of the Framework Decision to be extended or enlarged and help to simplify or facilitate further the procedures for the supervision of probation measures and alternative sanctions. Under Article 23(4) any Member State wishing to continue to apply existing agreements and arrangements referred to in Article 23(2) is to notify the Council and the Commission thereof by 6 March 2009.

Finland makes the following declaration in accordance with Article 23(4) of the Framework Decision on the recognition and supervision of suspended sentences, alternative sanctions and conditional sentences:

"In relation to Denmark and Sweden, Finland intends to continue to apply Nordic cooperation on enforcement of custodial sentences, as laid down for Finland by the Act (326/1963) on cooperation between Finland and other Nordic States on the enforcement of sentences imposed in criminal matters, in so far as such cooperation allows the objectives of the Framework Decision to be extended or enlarged and helps to simplify or facilitate further the procedures for the supervision of probation measures and alternative sanctions."


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