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I am pleased to enclose herewith an opinion of the Portuguese authorities, which concludes that Portuguese law complies with the minimum obligations arising from Framework Decision 2008/675/JHA on taking account of convictions in the Member States of the European Union in the course of new criminal proceedings.

Also enclosed are the texts of the relevant provisions of the Portuguese Penal Code (Articles 71, 75, 83 and 84) and of Law 144/99 of 31 August 1999 (Articles 95, 96, 98, 99, 100 and 101) which, taken together, confirm the compliance of our system with the minimum obligations resulting from Framework Decision 2008/675/JHA, as required by Article 5(2) of that Framework Decision.

(Complimentary close).

(s.) Permanent Representative