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from:	Jan Store, Permanent Representative, Permanent Representation of the Finland to the European Union
to:	Mr. Rafael Fernández-Pita y González, Director-General f.f., Council of the European Union
date of receipt :	22 June 2012
Subject :	Council Framework Decision 2009/948/JHA on prevention and settlement of conflicts of exercise of jurisdiction in criminal proceedings - Notification of the implementation of the Council Framework Decision by Finland

Sir,

The Permanent Representation of Finland forwards herewith Finland's notification of implementation and the implementing legal provisions concerning Framework Decision 2009/948/JHA.

(Complimentary close)

(s.) Jan Store

**COUNCIL FRAMEWORK DECISION 2009/948/JHA ON PREVENTION AND
SETTLEMENT OF CONFLICTS OF EXERCISE OF JURISDICTION IN CRIMINAL
PROCEEDINGS**

The Ministry of Justice requests the Permanent Representation of Finland to the European Union to forward the attached notification of implementation and the implementing legal provisions concerning Framework Decision 2009/948/JHA to the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union and to the European Commission.

The implementing legal provisions came into force on 19.6.2012.

Acting head of department	(signature)
Head of Legislation	Asko Vālimaa

Counsellor	(signature)
	Sanna Mikkola

NOTIFICATION OF IMPLEMENTATION OF EU LEGISLATION

National legislation on implementation of the Framework Decision

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Law on prevention and settlement of conflicts of exercise of jurisdiction in criminal proceedings and on the transfer of pre-trial investigation and prosecution proceedings between Finland and other Member States of the European Union (295/2012), Chapters 1, 2, 5(15) and 5(20).

Implementation in the Åland Islands

The abovementioned national legislation automatically comes into force also in the province of the Åland Islands.

Notifications required in Framework Decision 2009/948/JHA

1) Competent authorities (Article 4(2) and (3))

In Finland, the competent authorities to deal with action in accordance with the framework decision are the prosecutor assigned to the case in question or the senior investigator.

The Office of the Prosecutor General (Valtakunnansyyttäjänvirasto) and the National Bureau of Investigation (Keskusrikospoliisi) are the competent authorities in the event that no prosecutor has been assigned to the case in question or there is no senior investigator.

The authorities under Article 4(3) of the Framework Decision are the Office of the Prosecutor General and the National Bureau of Investigation. It is their task to assist the competent authorities of the other Member State in identifying the competent authorities.

2) Languages (Article 14(1))

Finland accepts the taking up of contact in accordance with the Framework Decision in Finnish, Swedish and English. The competent authority may also accept the taking up of contact in another language if no obstacle to its use exists otherwise.
