



25 May 2020

Mr Jeppe Tranholm-Mikkelsen
Secretary-General
Council of the European Union
Rue de la Loi 175
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Dear Secretary-General,

I have the honour to notify you that Ireland has completed its constitutional procedures for the adoption of:

- (i) the Convention established by the Council in accordance with Article 34 of the Treaty on European Union on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Member States of the European Union, done at Brussels on 29 May 2000 ("the Convention"), and
- (ii) the Protocol established by the Council in accordance with Article 34 of the Treaty on European Union to the Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Member States of the European Union, done at Luxembourg on 16 October 2001 ("the Protocol").

In accordance with Article 6(3) of the Convention Ireland declares that requests for mutual assistance must be sent via the central authority designated by virtue of its declaration under Article 24(1)(b), namely the Minister for Justice and Equality.

In accordance with Article 9(6) of the Convention, Ireland declares that, prior to an agreement being reached to temporarily transfer a person held in custody in accordance with Article 9(1), the consent of the person concerned will be required.

In accordance with Article 14(4) of the Convention, Ireland declares that it is not bound by the provisions of the said Article 14.

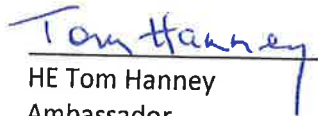
In accordance with Article 24(1) of the Convention, Ireland declares that the authorities competent for the application of the Convention and its Protocol are those judicial authorities designated by Ireland in accordance with Article 24 of the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters, done at Strasbourg on 20 April 1959.

In accordance with Article 24(1)(b) of the Convention, Ireland declares that the central authority for the purposes of Article 6(1) and Article 6(8) of the Convention is the Minister for Justice and Equality.

In accordance with Article 24(1)(c) of the Convention, Ireland declares that the authorities competent for the purposes of Article 6(5) are the Commissioner of An Garda Síochána (the Irish police service) and the Revenue Commissioners.

In accordance with Article 24(1)(e) of the Convention, Ireland declares that the authority competent for the purposes of the application of Article 18, Article 19, and Article 20(1) to (5) is the Minister for Justice and Equality. The contact point on duty twenty-four hours a day, designated under Article 20(4)(d), is An Garda Síochána (the Irish police service).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Hanney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

HE Tom Hanney
Ambassador
Permanent Representative