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Subject: Initiative for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the rights to interpretation and to translation in criminal proceedings
- Notification by the United Kingdom under Article 3(1) of Protocol (21) to the Lisbon Treaty

Delegations will find attached a copy of a letter received today by the Council General Secretariat.

The letter constitutes a notification by the United Kingdom under Article 3(1) of Protocol (21) (Position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in respect of the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice) to the Lisbon Treaty. By the letter, the United Kingdom notifies that it wishes to take part ("opt-in") in the decision making process leading to the adoption of the above mentioned Directive on the basis of the initiative presented by 13 Member States in December 2009¹.

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SECRETARIAT DU CONSEIL DE L'UNION EUROPÉENNE
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Dear President,

**DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE
COUNCIL ON THE RIGHTS TO INTERPRETATION AND TO
TRANSLATION IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS**

I refer to the Initiative of the Kingdom of Belgium, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Estonia, the Kingdom of Spain, the French Republic, the Italian Republic, the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Austria, the Portuguese Republic, Romania, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the rights to interpretation and to translation in criminal proceedings.

The proposal was made on the basis of Article 82(2)(b) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. Under Article 3(1) of the Protocol to that Treaty governing the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in respect of the area of freedom, security and justice (measures under Title V of Part Three of the Treaty), the United Kingdom, if it is to participate in the adoption of such measures, may notify the President of the Council in writing that it intends to do so within three months of a proposal or initiative being presented to the Council.



The purpose of this letter is to communicate the United Kingdom's formal notification that it intends to participate in the adoption of this proposal.

I am copying this letter to Jonathan Faull at the Commission and Ivan Bizjak in the Council Secretariat.

Yours

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