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The Hague, November 16, 2009

Subject: Enhanced cooperation between ENFSI and Eurojust

Dear Mr. Lopes da Mota,

Referring to our pleasant deliberations on this issue in the course of 2009 I would like to confirm and emphasise that ENFSI is very interested in a closer cooperation with Eurojust.

ENFSI is by far the most relevant network of the Forensic Science Institutes in Europe. It represents 58 member-institutes from 34 European countries. The European Commission has recognised the unique position of ENFSI in 2008 by qualifying the network as a monopolist i.e. as the sole representative of the forensic science community.

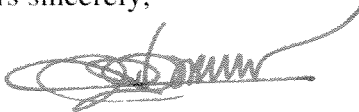
ENFSI is prepared to share its knowledge, skills and experience with other relevant European law enforcement agencies. The 16 ENFSI Expert Working Groups (from e.g. Firearms or DNA to Handwriting or Drugs) could play a key-role in this perspective. In the recent past ENFSI has successfully contributed to the implementation of the Treaty of Prüm regarding DNA-profiling. A similar contribution can be given in the near future by advising on the EU mandatory accreditation of forensic providers on Fingerprint- and DNA-investigations, which will probably be passed soon as a result of the Swedish initiative. This is one of the examples of the potential of ENFSI.

Considering the professional background and position of Eurojust and ENFSI it is obvious that both organisations can be complementary to each other. It is my strong opinion that both of us will benefit from this cooperation.

It is the responsibility of Eurojust as well as ENFSI to give a fruitful and useful interpretation of the intended cooperation. Periodical meetings between the two organisations (facilitated by the small geographical distance between our premises) will give us an excellent opportunity to implement agreements on ways of cooperation and to formulate new ones.

It goes without saying that I look forward to the next steps to a closer cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. De Kinder', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Dr. Jan De Kinder, Chairman of the 13<sup>th</sup> ENFSI Board