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from: Mr. Atle Leikvoll, Ambassador, Mission of Norway to the European Union
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to: Mr Rafael FERNANDEZ-PITA, Director General, Council of the European Union

Subject: REGULATION (EU) No 603/2013 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 26 June 2013 on the establishment of 'Eurodac' for the comparison of fingerprints for the effective application of Regulation (EU) No 604/2013 establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an application for international protection lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national or a stateless person and on requests for the comparison with Eurodac data by Member States' law enforcement authorities and Europol for law enforcement purposes, and amending Regulation (EU) No 1077/2011 establishing a European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice (recast)
REGULATION (EU) No 604/2013 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 26 June 2013 establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an application for international protection lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national or a stateless person (recast)

Delegations will find attached a letter from Ambassador Atle Leikvoll, Mission of Norway to the European Union related to above mentioned subjects.



MISSION OF NORWAY
TO THE EUROPEAN UNION

The Ambassador


Brussels, 12 July 2013

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter of 3 July 2013, where Norway is notified of the adoption of Regulation (EU) No 603/2013 and Regulation (EU) No 604/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

With reference to Article 4 (2) and (4) of the Agreement concluded between the European Community and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the criteria and mechanisms for establishing the State responsible for examining a request for asylum lodged in a Member State or in Iceland or Norway, I hereby confirm, on behalf of the Government of Norway, the receipt of these notifications, and that Norway will carry out the necessary internal procedures, including fulfilment of constitutional requirements, in order for the regulations to become binding on Norway within the time frame set out in Article 4 (4).

Yours sincerely,


Atle Leikvoll
Ambassador

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