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from: Permanent Representation of Finland to the European Union –
Wivi-Ann Wagello-Sjölund, Counsellor

date of receipt: 8 March 2012

to: Nathalie PENSAERT,
Head of Unit - DG H - Justice and Home Affairs, Unit 2C Police and Customs
Cooperation

Subject: Declaration by the Republic of Finland in accordance with Art. 2 (3) of
Council Decision 2008/615/JHA of 23 June 2008 on the stepping up of
cross-border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross-border
crime

Please find enclosed a letter from the Ministry of the Interior of Finland on the above mentioned subject.



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Ms Nathalie Pensaert
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Subject

**Declaration of the Republic of Finland in accordance with Article 36(2) of Council Decision
2008/615/JHA**

Dear Ms Pensaert,

Please find enclosed a letter from the Ministry of the Interior of Finland
on the above mentioned subject.

Yours sincerely,

Wivi-Ann Wagello-Sjölund
Counsellor

Enclosures

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Helsinki, 27 February 2012

General Secretariat of the Council

Subject: Declaration of the Republic of Finland in accordance with Article 36(2) of Council Decision 2008/615/JHA

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following declaration:

“In accordance with Article 36(2) of Council Decision 2008/615/JHA, the Republic of Finland informs the General Secretariat of the Council of the national DNA analysis files to which Articles 2 and 6 apply.

The national DNA database is based on the CODIS (Combined DNA Index System), which was installed at the National Bureau of Investigation Finland in 1999 by officers of the FBI (United States).

From this database the following types of profiles are extracted for exchange and comparison with other European countries:

- **Forensic:** genetic profile obtained from a specimen of unknown origin - unidentified - generally a specimen obtained from evidence associated with a criminal act.
- **Offender:** genetic profile obtained from a known person. DNA profiles from suspects, arrestees and convicted persons are included.”

Yours respectfully,

Erkki Hämmäläinen
Director of International and EU Affairs