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From:	Irish delegation
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To:	Mr. Carmelo Abela, President of the Council of Ministers, Minister for Home Affairs and National Security
Subject:	Letter concerning Directive (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Framework Decision 2004/757/JHA laying down minimum provisions on the constituent elements of criminal acts and penalties in the field of illicit drug trafficking, in order to include new psychoactive substances in the definition of drug

Delegations will find below a letter from the Irish delegation concerning the proposed Directive (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Framework Decision 2004/757/JHA laying down minimum provisions on the constituent elements of criminal acts and penalties in the field of illicit drug trafficking, in order to include new psychoactive substances in the definition of drug.

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Directive (EU) OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Council Framework Decision 2004/757/JHA laying down minimum provisions on the constituent elements of criminal acts and penalties in the field of illicit drug trafficking, in order to include new psychoactive substances in the definition of drug

Dear President,

I refer to the provisions of Protocol No. 21 to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (on the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in respect of the area of freedom, security and justice) and, in particular, Article 3(1) thereof, under which Ireland may notify the President of the Council in writing, within three months after a proposal has been presented to the Council pursuant to Title V of part Three of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, that it wishes to take part in the adoption and application of any such proposed measure.

I hereby notify you as President of the Council, in accordance with Article 3(1) of the above mentioned Protocol, that Ireland wishes to accept and be bound by the following Directive

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Yours sincerely,

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