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From:	Permanent Representation of the Republic of Bulgaria to the European Union
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To:	Mr Rafael Fernandez-Pita y Gonzalez Director-General Directorate-General D - Justice and Home Affairs
Subject:	Declaration of the Republic of Bulgaria pursuant to art. 36(2) of Council Decision 2008/615/JHA of 23 June

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I have the pleasure to send you in attachment herewith the declaration of the Republic of Bulgaria pursuant to *art. 36(2) of Council Decision 2008/615/JHA of 23 June on the stepping up of cross-border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross-border crime.*

I take this opportunity to assure you of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Ambassador Dimiter TZANTCHEV

Encl.: as per text

**Declaration of the Republic of Bulgaria pursuant to art. 36(2) of Council Decision**  
**2008/615/JHA of 23 June**

In accordance with Article 36(2) of Council Decision 2008/615/JHA of 23 June 2008, the Republic of Bulgaria declares that it has fully complied with the provisions of that Decision as well as the relevant provisions of Council Decision 2008/616/JHA of 23 June 2008.

The Republic of Bulgaria is implementing in practice the abovementioned Decisions and exchanges DNA profiles since 2009, dactyloscopic data since 2010 and Vehicle Registration Data since 2013.

For the purposes of Article 19 of Decision 2008/616/JHA, the independent data protection authority is the Commission on Personal Data Protection.

The remaining declarations provided for in Decision 2008/615/JHA have already been notified to the General Secretariat of the Council.

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