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from: Mission of Norway to the European Union  
date of receipt: 20 December 2013  
to: Mr Rafael FERNANDEZ-PITA, Director General for Justice and Home  
affairs, General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union

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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)

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Delegations will find attached a letter from the Mission of Norway to the European Union in  
relation to the above readmission subject.



MISSION OF NORWAY  
TO THE EUROPEAN UNION

The Ambassador

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REÇU LE	20 DEC. 2013
DEST. PRINC.	M. FERNANDEZ-PITA
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Brussels, 17 December 2013

Dear Sir,

Brussels 7/1/14


The recast Eurodac regulation (Regulation (EU) No 603 (2013)) of 26 June this year stipulates that data in Eurodac shall, under certain conditions, be available for law enforcement's authorities of Member States in their fight against terrorism and serious crime. The Associated Countries are only associated with the asylum elements of the Regulation. Thus, the data availability for the fight against terrorism and serious crime does not apply for these countries, unless new Agreements with the EU are signed and concluded.

In the meeting of the Dublin Joint/Mixed Committee 12 November this year the Commission informed that exploratory talks with a view of starting formal negotiations with Associated Countries interested in taking part of the law enforcement part of the Regulation will be called for by the beginning of 2014. The Commission requested the Associated Countries to state their interest in this regard in writing before the end of the year.

Herewith, I may, on behalf of Norway, state an interest in negotiating an Agreement enabling Norwegian law enforcement authorities to make expanded use of Eurodac data. We agree that negotiations are held together for all interested Associated Countries and with Denmark.

Finally, let me remind you that Norway has signed an agreement associating us with the Prüm decisions, but that the agreement has not yet been ratified.

Yours sincerely,

  
Atle Leikvoll  
Ambassador

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