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From:	Mr. Ferdinand Grapperhaus, Minister of Justice and Security of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
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To:	Ms Tsetska Tsacheva President of the Council of the European Union
Subject:	Notification to the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission with a view to establishing enhanced cooperation on the draft Regulation on the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office in accordance with the third subparagraph of Article 86(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ("TFEU")

Delegations will find in Annex the notification of the wish of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to join enhanced cooperation on the draft Regulation.



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Ms Tsetska Tsacheva
President of the Council of
the European Union
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's-Gravenhage, 14 May 2018

Dear Tsetska,

I am pleased to inform you that the Kingdom of the Netherlands hereby notifies the Council of its intention to participate in Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1939 of 12 October 2017 implementing enhanced cooperation on the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office (hereafter: EPPO).

Following the procedure set out in Article 331(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the Kingdom of the Netherlands has requested the Commission to initiate the procedures necessary for the Kingdom of the Netherlands to participate in the said enhanced cooperation.

The Kingdom of the Netherlands would like to be prepared for the actual start of the EPPO on the same date as the Member States that already participate in the enhanced cooperation. The Kingdom of the Netherlands will therefore adopt the necessary measures in order to fulfil the conditions in due time before the date of application determined by the Commission on a proposal of the European Chief Prosecutor in accordance with article 120 (2) of Regulation 2017/1939.

We hope that the Commission will be able to confirm the participation of the Netherlands in the enhanced cooperation shortly and we look forward to the opportunity to contribute to the preparations for the actual start of the EPPO.

Kind regards
Ferd Grapperhaus