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From: Mr Päivi Pietarinen, Counsellor, Permanent Representation of Finland to the European Union

On: 3 June 2019

To: General Secretariat of the Council

Subject: Notification of the appointment of the Finnish Deputy National Member of Eurojust and of appointments of Assistants to the Finnish National Member of Eurojust

Dear Sir,

The Permanent Representation of Finland to the EU hereby transmits the attached notice and decision of the Office of the Prosecutor General of Finland.

(Complimentary close)

(s.) Päivi Pietarinen



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**Appointment of the Finnish Deputy National Member of Eurojust
Appointment of Assistants to the National Member**

The Office of the Prosecutor General of Finland would like to inform the Secretary General of the Council of the European Union and Eurojust of the following appointments.

State Prosecutor Ms **Ritva Sahavirta** has been appointed as Finnish Deputy National Member of Eurojust from **1 August 2019 to 31 July 2023**.

Legal Counsellor **Sampsa Hakala** and District Prosecutor **Heidi Nummela** have been appointed as Assistants to the National Member from **1 August 2019 to 31 July 2023**.

In accordance with the Article 9a paragraph 3 of the Council Decision 2009/426/JHA of 16 December 2008 on the strengthening of Eurojust and amending Decision 2002/187/JHA setting up Eurojust with a view to reinforcing the fight against serious crime, the Office of the Prosecutor General of Finland hereby wishes to notify the Secretary General of the Council of the European Union that the Finnish Deputy National Member as do the now appointed Assistants holds position as public prosecutor in Finland, and has nationwide prosecutorial powers in Finland.

The Deputy National Member and Assistants have full competence to act in relation to foreign judicial authorities to the same extent as any Finnish public prosecutor. They are inter alia judicial authority as referred to in Article 24 of the 1959 European Convention on Mutual Legal Assistance.

In urgent cases the Deputy National Member is competent in Finland to decide on the execution of requests for legal assistance, on the performance of pretrial investigations, and to authorise and coordinate controlled deliveries. In cases when a joint investigation team involves Finland, and for which Community funding is provided, the National Member or the Deputy National Member participates in the joint investigation team.

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They are also regarded as competent authority for the purposes of the receipt and transmission of information between Eurojust and OLAF as prescribed in Article 26 paragraph 5 of the above mentioned decision.

Yours faithfully,

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