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To:	Director-General DG D of the Council of the European Union
Subject:	Declaration of the Republic of Croatia in accordance with Article 2(3) of Council Decision 2008/615/JHA

Delegations will find attached the Declaration of Croatia in accordance with Article 2(3) of Council Decision 2008/615/JHA.

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**European Council
Council of the European Union
Directorate-General D - Justice and Home Affairs**

Attn. Mrs Christine Roger, Director-General

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Dear Mrs Roger,

Further to our advance notification per e-mail on 3/1/2018 of the Declaration of the Republic of Croatia in accordance with Article 2(3) of the Council Decision 2008/615/JHA and Establishment of the Evaluation Team, I have the honour to transmit you the original documents from the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Croatia.

Sincerely yours,

PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE



Enclosed: As mentioned in the text.-



REPUBLIC OF CROATIA
MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
GENERAL POLICE DIRECTORATE
FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER
„IVAN VUČETIĆ“

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Zagreb, 21.12.2017.

Fulfilling the obligations for implementation the DNA data exchange provisions pursuant to Council Decisions 2006/615/JHA and 2008/616/JHA (Prüm Decisions) and taking into consideration Council Note 11899/2/10, o r d e r i n g:

1. Establishment of an Evaluation Team, which consists of experts:
 - Gintautas Šinkūnas, Head of Biology Department, Lithuanian Police Forensic Science Centre;
 - Jakub Modzelewski, expert of Biology Department, Central Forensic Laboratory of the Police of Poland.
2. On 25th-26th January 2018, requesting the Evaluation Team to perform an evaluation visit to the Forensic Science Centre "Ivan Vučetić" (Ilica 335, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia) and to evaluate DNA data exchange provisions.
3. Compensation of the costs involved experts (travel expenses, hotel, etc.) will be done based on the bilateral arrangements between the Forensic Science Centre "Ivan Vučetić" and, accordingly, the Lithuanian Police Forensic Science Centre and the Central Forensic Laboratory of the Police of Poland.



DIRECTOR

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List of shared national DNA files

The national DNA database is based on the CODIS 7.0 (Combined DNA Index System) which is installed at the Forensic Science Centre „Ivan Vučetić“ within the Ministry of the Interior.

Forensic Science Centre „Ivan Vučetić“ is able to share DNA profiles with other EU Member States. The following types of profiles will be made available to other Member States:

- **Forensic, Unknown:** genetic profile obtained from the analysis of human DNA recovered from a crime scene and/or evidence associated with a crime scene/criminal act.
- **Suspect, Known:** genetic profile obtained from biological specimen originating from a known person who has been suspected of a criminal offence.
- **Unidentified Person:** genetic profile obtained from an unidentified human corpse, a missing person or a person of unknown identity.

Conditions governing the exchange and comparison of DNA profiles

A country that wants to carry out the exchange and comparison of DNA profiles with the Republic of Croatia must comply with the legal, organisational and technical requirements laid down in Council Decisions 2008/615/JHA and 2008/616/JHA of 23 June 2008, in particular:

- Legal requirements: the country must:
 - be able to share information under its domestic legislation;
 - comply with European rules on the processing of personal data;
 - have the Council's prior authorisation to exchange data.

- Organisational requirements: the country must:
 - have a national contact point to which the Republic of Croatia may apply for additional information further to a DNA profiles match.

- Technical requirements: the country must:
 - have an automated national DNA database;
 - have automated means of exchanging DNA profiles;
 - be connected to the TESTA network;
 - have confirmations from a country that is already operational, that its exchange system is adequate.