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From:	Declan Kelleher, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the European Union
date of receipt:	2 March 2020
To:	Christine Roger, Director General Justice and Home Affairs, Council of the European Union

Subject:	Council Framework Decision 2005/214/JHA on the application of the principle of mutual recognition to financial penalties
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Dear Director General,

On behalf of the Irish Government, I hereby submit notification of the national measures taken in accordance with Article 20(5) of Framework Decision 2005/214/JHA of 24 February 2005.

Ireland has notified the Commission of the transposition of this Framework Decision by the commencement of Sections 24 and 34 (insofar as it was not already in operation) of the Criminal Justice (Mutual Assistance) (Amendment) Act 2015. These Sections of the Act were commenced in full on 23 September 2019. The text of the relevant Sections of this Act is attached at Annex 1.¹

(complimentary close)

¹ Note by the Secretariat: text not reproduced.

Notification pursuant to Article 2(1):

Pursuant to Article 2(1) of the Framework Decision, the General Secretariat of the Council is hereby notified of the following:

The competent authority function will be carried out by the Irish courts where Ireland is the issuing State or executing State. The relevant or appropriate court in this regard is determined by the amount of financial penalty concerned.

The Central Authority function will be carried out by the Minister for Justice and Equality.

Declaration pursuant to Article 4(7):

Pursuant to Article 4(7), Ireland wishes to make a declaration that any European Financial Penalty request should be forwarded via the Central Authority for Mutual Assistance, Department of Justice and Equality, its contact details are set out hereunder:

Central Authority for Mutual Assistance

Department of Justice and Equality

7/11 Montague Court

Montague Street

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Declaration pursuant to Article 16(1)

Pursuant to Article 16(1), the certificate is to be written in or translated into the Irish language or the English language.