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From: Ms Aingéal O'Donoghue, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the European Union

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To: Ms Thérèse BLANCHET, Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union

Subject: Proposal for a Council Decision authorising Member States to sign, in the interest of the European Union, the Third Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters
- Opt-in by Ireland

Delegations will find attached a letter from the Permanent Representative of Ireland to the European Union regarding the above-mentioned subject.



Ms. Thérèse Blanchet
Secretary-General
Council of the European Union
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| 7 December 2025

Dear Secretary-General,

I refer to the provisions of Protocol No. 21 to the Treaty on the European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (on the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in respect of the area of freedom, security and justice), and, in particular, Article 3(1) thereof, under which Ireland may notify the President of the Council in writing that it wishes to take part in the adoption and application of any such proposed measure.

In that context, I wish to notify you that Ireland wishes to take part in the adoption and application of the following measure:

- 1. Proposal for a Council Decision authorising Member States to sign, in the interest of the European Union, the Third Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters - COM (2025) 510**

Yours sincerely,

Aingéal O'Donoghue
Permanent Representative of Ireland to the European Union