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Subject:	Directive (EU) 2016/680 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by competent authorities for the purposes of the prevention, investigation, detection or prosecution of criminal offences or the execution of criminal penalties, and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Council Framework Decision 2008/977/JHA

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Delegations will find attached the notification from Liechtenstein regarding the abovementioned Directive.

General Secretariat of the Council of the  
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Brussels, 13 December 2016

The Mission of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the European Union presents its compliments to the General Secretariat of the Council and has the honour to refer to the notification by the Council of 1 August 2016, which reads as follows:

'In accordance with the Protocol signed between the European Union, the European Community, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein on the accession of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the Agreement between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the Swiss Confederation's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen acquis, and with the first sentence of Article 5(2)(a) of the Protocol, the Principality of Liechtenstein is herewith notified of the adoption of the following act:

Directive (EU) 2016/680 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by competent authorities for the purposes of the prevention, investigation, detection or prosecution of criminal offences or the execution of criminal penalties, and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Council Framework Decision 2008/977/JHA

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In accordance with Article 5(2)(a) and (b) of the Schengen Protocol and subject to the fulfilment of the constitutional requirements in Liechtenstein, the Mission of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the European Union informs the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union that the Principality of Liechtenstein accepts the content of the act, which was attached to the abovementioned notification by the Council and forms part of this reply note, and will implement it in its internal legal order.

In accordance with Article 5(2)(b) of the Protocol, the Principality of Liechtenstein will promptly notify the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union upon fulfilment of the constitutional requirements.

This exchange of notes will enter into force on the date of the notification by the Principality of Liechtenstein of the fulfilment of its constitutional requirements.

The Mission of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the European Union avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union the assurances of its highest consideration.