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| From:            | Mr Tom HANNEY, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the European Union                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| date of receipt: | 30 April 2021                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| To:              | Mrs Christine ROGER, Director General, Council of the European Union                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Subject:         | Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) 2016/794, as regards Europol's cooperation with private parties, the processing of personal data by Europol in support of criminal investigations, and Europol's role on research and innovation<br>– Opt-in by Ireland |

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Delegations will find attached a letter from the Permanent Representative of Ireland to the Council of the European Union in relation to the above subject.

Buan Ionadaíocht  
na hÉireann  
chúig an Aontas Eorpach



Permanent Representation  
of Ireland  
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30 April 2021

**Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending  
Regulation (EU) 2016/794, as regards Europol's cooperation with private parties,  
the processing of personal data by Europol in support of criminal investigations,  
and Europol's role on research and innovation**

Dear Director General,

I refer to the provisions of Protocol No. 21 to the Treaty on 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, within three months after a proposal or initiative has been presented to the Council pursuant to Title V of Part Three of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, 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 proposed measure:

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Yours sincerely,

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Permanent Representative of Ireland to the European Union

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