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### Harmonization of Witness Protection Legislation

Dear Professor Cherif Bassiouni.

Further to the recent Working Group on the harmonization of Witness Protection legislation, it gives me great pleasure to attach the final draft legislation, as well as the explanatory memorandum. Obviously, a great deal of hard work and effort went into producing these final products and Europol will shortly be forwarding them, also on behalf of the ISISC and the OPCO, to the European Commission for further handling.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you, on behalf of Europol and its network of Witness Protection Experts for your contribution, in terms of time, money and expertise to this project, without which it certainly could not have been as successful and productive as it proved to be.

I hope that there will be more equally valuable and fruitful cooperation between our organizations in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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