



THE PRIME MINISTER

Copenhagen, 20 JAN 2016

His Excellency
President of the European Commission
Jean-Claude Juncker

His Excellency
President of the European Council
Donald Tusk

Your Excellencies,

In December we had very useful discussions regarding the outcome of the Danish referendum on 3 December 2015 and the issue of Denmark's position regarding police and judicial cooperation against cross border crime. I would like to thank you for setting up a meeting on such short notice.

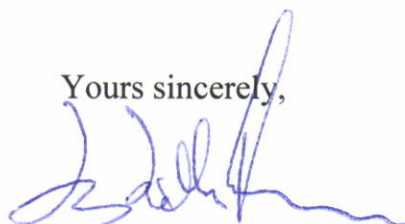
I duly noted your preliminary comments regarding Denmark's possible cooperation with Europol after the new regulation becomes applicable in 2017, and I understand that the Commission will not be able to formally react to a Danish request for a parallel agreement before the new regulation has been formally adopted.

Subsequent to our meeting I have had talks with the Danish political parties, informing them of the substance of our discussions. All political parties agree that Denmark should seek to be associated as closely as possible with Europol after the new Europol regulation becomes applicable in 2017.

We have also considered the possibility of a continued association of Denmark to a limited number of core legal acts concerning the fights against cross border crime. These considerations have, however, not yet been brought to a conclusion.

We look forward to continued discussions between Denmark and the Commission services in the coming weeks and months in order to explore the legal possibilities and would appreciate an assessment following the coming consultations.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lars Løkke Rasmussen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lars Løkke Rasmussen