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**Subject: 5th Round of Mutual Evaluations under Joint Action of
5 December 1997 (97/827/JHA)**

- Designation of experts by the Member States

Dear Colleagues,

As you are aware, the Joint Action of 5 December 1997 (OJ L 344 of 15 December 1997, pp. 7-9) on evaluating the application and implementation at national level of international undertakings in the fight against organised crime constitutes the basis for the mechanism under which the 5th round of mutual evaluations on "Financial Crime and Financial Investigations" is currently conducted.

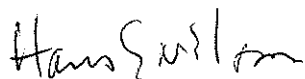
To date 15 Member States have been visited during the course of this evaluation cycle for which the on-the-spot evaluations have begun in September 2009.

Prior to starting the 5th round of mutual evaluations and in accordance with Article 3(2) of the Joint Action, Member States had been asked to submit the names of experts for the subject under review. The nominations have been laid down in a list contained in Council document 8477/09 CRIMORG 58 and have been used to plan the evaluation cycle.

As experience with the practical aspects of the 5th round of mutual evaluations has shown, and although delegations to GENVAL have already once been helpful in updating the list it has become increasingly difficult for the Presidency, assisted by the General Secretariat of the Council to set up the evaluation teams. A considerable number of experts have in the course of time become either unavailable (e.g. due to a change of position within their national administrations) or their participation was cancelled at relatively short notice and replacement experts had to be sought.

In order to ensure the smooth continuation of a process that has so far been a very successful one and in view of the experiences referred to above delegations to the GENVAL are therefore kindly asked to verify whether the experts that appear on the list in the Annex are still available and should - where this is not the case - nominate substitutes, preferably until the 1st March 2011.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Hans G. Nilsson', with a stylized, cursive script.

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