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His Excellency Mr Wilhelm Schmid
Embassy of Switzerland
Lange Voorhout 42
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Excellency,

On 1st March 2006, the Agreement between Switzerland and Europol, signed at Bern on 24 September 2004, entered into force.

As you know, Europol's mandate has been extended on 1st January 2002 to all serious forms of international crime listed in the Annex to the Europol Convention. This development was anticipated by Europol and Switzerland in 2001, when the Agreement's negotiations were finalised. Both Parties had then, in a joint declaration, expressed their mutual interest to exchange letters, after the entry into force of the Agreement, concerning an extension of their cooperation to the new areas of crime added to the mandate of Europol

Should the extension of the scope of our cooperation to the new areas included in our mandate on 1st January 2002 meet with Switzerland's approval, I have the honour to propose you, pursuant to Article 3(3) of the Agreement, that the Agreement shall apply in relation to the new mandate as of the date on which Europol receives Switzerland's written acceptance.

The European Police Office avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of Switzerland the assurances of its highest consideration.


Max-Peter Ratzel
Director