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Dear Minister,

I am writing on the occasion of the adoption of Directive (EU) 2024/1226 on the definition of criminal offences and penalties for the violation of Union restrictive measures and amending Directive (EU) 2018/1673.

The Commission assigns the highest degree of importance to the swift transposition of these important rules by Member States and will closely follow this process.

To this end, the Commission plans several support actions. An explanatory document on the directive will soon be shared with Member States at technical level and an expert meeting on transposition will be scheduled in September/October this year. We are also ready to provide technical assistance individually, if necessary, to enable national authorities to bring their legislation in line with the Directive.

I would like to point to the Member States' obligation to bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with the afore-mentioned Directive by 20 May 2025.

Be assured that my services remain available to assist Member States during this transposition process if they wish so and as need be.

Yours faithfully

(e-signed)

Didier REYNDERS

*Mr Madis TIMPSON*

*Minister of Justice*



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