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From:	Office of the President
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To:	Ms Janne Holst Hübner, Executive Director of IAP
Subject:	Short description speech Ms Michèle Coninsx - 20th Annual Conference and General Meeting of the IAP "Corruption, White-Collar Crime and Prevention of Money Laundering", Zürich, 13-17 September 2015

Please find below a short description of the topic of Ms Coninsx' speech planned for 14 September 2015 (afternoon).

Workshop on "Challenges in International Cooperation"

The presentation of Ms Coninsx will firstly, provide some introductory information about Eurojust, the European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit, including the goal of Eurojust which is to stimulate and improve the coordination of investigations and prosecutions and cooperation between the competent authorities in the Member States in relation to serious cross-border crime particularly when it is organised.

As organised criminal groups operate without borders and are profit-driven, there is a need for increased judicial cooperation. Therefore, in the second part of her presentation, Ms Coninsx will highlight the kind of assistance which Eurojust can provide to improve cooperation between Member States and the practical experience it has in supporting Member States with conducting cross border financial investigations – i.e. asset recovery. Reference will be made to the full range of tools which Eurojust has to offer such as coordination meetings, a unique tool in the field of international cooperation in criminal matters, coordination centres and financing of joint investigation teams.

Finally, based on Eurojust's strategic and operational work, the challenges encountered and best practice identified will be presented together with a case illustration in the context of corruption, white-collar crime and tackling money laundering, directly resulting from Eurojust's experience in this field.