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SUBJECT **Your letter regarding the proposal for a Directive on the Presumption of innocence**

Dear M. Matt,

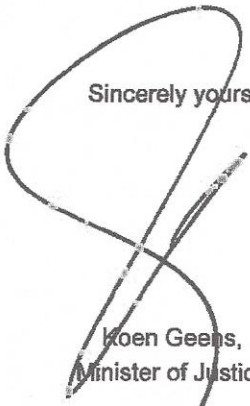
I thank you for the communication of the position of ECBA on the proposal for a Directive on the Presumption of Innocence.

Belgium supports the development of equivalent standards of specific procedural rights in criminal proceedings and has welcomed the step-by-step approach set out in the Roadmap and the Stockholm Programme in this regard.

During the negotiations in Council on the aforementioned proposal for a Directive, our objective is to set minimum procedural rights that ensure a high level of protection of the presumption of innocence. In this process of codifying these general legal principles, full respect should be given to the contours of the existing case law of the European Court of Human Rights, as well as to the possibility to further develop and refine the particularities of these rights in the case law of the European Court of Human Rights, the Court of Justice of the European Union and the national courts.

The position of ECBA provides a useful analysis and will be taken into consideration in determining the Belgian position in the next steps of the negotiation.

Sincerely yours,


Koen Geens,
Minister of Justice