Judicial cooperation in criminal matters: right to information in criminal proceedings

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The Council welcomed the Commission proposal for EU-wide minimum standards as regards the right to information in criminal proceedings.

During the discussion, Ireland announced its wish to participate in the directive by using its opt-in option provided for in Protocol 21 of the Lisbon Treaty. The UK, which has the same option, has not yet decided to do so.

The discussion also showed that further work is necessary on a limited number of provisions, including the right to remain silent, access to the case file and the question of costs. The Council asked its preparatory bodies to continue their work on the dossier with a view to reaching a common position by the end of 2010.