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The family and the *Association for the Truth about the Murder of Sophie Toscan du Plantier* express shock and dismay at the High Court's decision.

The family of the victim have always respected the legislation of both countries, and decisions not always favorable for them. Great attention was given to respect Irish legislation and conforming to European Treaty agreements. To which Ireland and France adhere to on equal terms.

It is not acceptable that this common unilateral legislation is not respected in this instance.

The High Court was not asked to decide if French law complied with European or Irish law. This is already accepted by the terms of the treaty signed by all 27 countries who signed the European Treaty. The nature and reason for the EAW is covered by this. The High Court of Ireland is not justified in its decision on this ground. France is entitled to request the presence of a person to reply to the courts for actions contrary to French legislation. All guarantees of fair judgment by French legislation in accordance with the European Treaties binding all 27 countries is already acquired. Therefore the Irish Courts may, at the least, be expected to respect this agreement without further discussion.

The EAW request for I. Bailey's presence in France is legitimate and guarantees respect and fair treatment in this case.

France could, no doubt, be encouraged to request, by all means, that the Irish courts respect the agreements signed in the name of the Republic of Ireland and in respect of France, its European partner.