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Following the murder of Sophie Toscan du Plantier in Ireland on 23 December 1996, a criminal lawsuit was filed before the French courts on 17 January 1997, in parallel with the judicial proceedings initiated before the Irish courts.

On 27 July 2016, Mrs Nathalie Turkey, the French investigating judge currently in charge of the case, delivered an indictment order to start a criminal case before the Court of assizes in Paris on the ground of voluntary homicide against Mr Ian Bailey, British citizen residing in Ireland.

Simultaneously to these proceedings, a second European arrest warrant was issued against Mr Bailey on 13 July 2016 and notified to the Irish authorities.

Our group duly acknowledges the decision of indictment which intervenes almost 20 years after the tragic death of Sophie Toscan du Plantier: the decision to commit to a criminal trial represents an important milestone in the search for truth and justice about a horrendous crime that the Irish authorities have been, so far, unable to solve.

Paris, on 3 August 2016