Question for written answer E-004130/2014 to the Commission Rule 117 James Nicholson (ECR)

Subject: European arrest warrant

On 26 February 2014, Parliament debated the Commission's proposed review of the European arrest warrant. In my own constituency of Northern Ireland, the European arrest warrant has been extremely effective in apprehending criminals, organised gangs and terrorists who either fled from or fled to the Republic of Ireland. The cooperation between the two Member States engendered by the European arrest warrant, particularly between the Police Service of Northern Ireland and An Garda Síochána, has been remarkable given the recent history of the border regions.

In light of the proposed review of the European arrest warrant, could the Commission provide more information on how non-EU countries could participate in this system? How would the procedures change in relationships between a non-EU country and a Member State? Furthermore, would a separate agreement on the surrender procedure, similar to that with Norway and Iceland, need to be negotiated?

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