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**Ireland  
and  
Spain**

**Exchange of notes constituting an international agreement between Ireland and Spain in relation to the extradition of own nationals. Madrid, 13 February 2003 and 21 February 2003**

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**Irlande  
et  
Espagne**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord international entre l'Irlande et l'Espagne relatif à l'extradition de leurs ressortissants. Madrid, 13 février 2003 et 21 février 2003**

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\* *The text reproduced below is the original text of the agreement as submitted. For ease of reference, it was sequentially paginated. The final UNTS version of it is not yet available.  
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**Exchange of Notes Constituting an International Agreement  
between Ireland and Spain in Relation to the Extradition of  
Own Nationals**

**Letters exchanged on 13 February 2003 and 21 February 2003**

**Entered into force on 20 November 2003**

Presented to Dáil Éireann by the Minister for Foreign Affairs  
**EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN INTERNATIONAL AGREE-  
MENT BETWEEN IRELAND AND SPAIN IN RELATION TO THE EXTRA-  
DITION OF OWN NATIONALS**

SCHEDULE

Madrid, 13 February 2003

H.E. Ana Palacio Vallelersundi  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Spain

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the European Convention on Extradition, signed in Paris on 13 December 1957 which was ratified by Ireland on 2 May 1966 and by Spain on 7 May 1982.

The Government of Ireland proposes that, in applying the European Convention on Extradition between our two countries, Spain and Ireland shall not refuse a request for extradition on the basis that the person whose extradition is being sought is a national of the requested country. The term “national” shall have the meaning assigned to it in the respective Declarations made by Spain and Ireland in accordance with article 6.1(b) of the European Convention on Extradition.

If the foregoing is acceptable to your Excellency’s Government, I have the honour to propose that this Note, together with your Excellency’s reply concurring therein shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments which shall supplement the terms of the European Convention on Extradition and which shall enter into force when the States notify each other of compliance with the internal procedures required for the conclusion of International Treaties.

Please accept, your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Ambassador of Ireland

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Ambassador of Ireland  
Madrid, Spain

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to Your Excellency's Note Verbale of 13 February 2003 which states:

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In reply to the above, I am happy to confirm that the proposal described above is acceptable to the Government of Spain and that your Note and this reply shall constitute an Agreement between the two countries which will enter into force when the States notify each other of compliance with the internal procedures required for the conclusion of International Treaties.

I avail of this occasion to renew to your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

Madrid, 21 February 2003

H.E. Ana Palacio Vallelersundi  
Minister for Foreign Affairs".