## Draft Decree Amending the Penal Measure and the Decree on Non-custodial Deprivation of Liberty and Social Security.

Recommendation to the Dutch Minister of Security and Justice, dated 16 June 2014

The draft decree sets out detailed rules on the effect of the Electronic Detention Bill. The Council previously issued a recommendation on this bill (May 2013) which is yet to be adopted by the Senate.

In principle, the Council is favourably inclined towards the use of electronic detention, but expresses the following reservations with regard to the proposed effect:

- It is expected that only a relatively small group of all detainees qualifies for electronic detention. This is especially pressing because the introduction of electronic detention is linked to the abolition of phased detention. In the Council's opinion, this means that a large group of detainees will return to society without any proper preparation.
- Provided that it is carried out properly, electronic detention could make an important contribution to rehabilitation. But according to the Council, the draft decree does not sufficiently detail how electronic detention will be carried out.

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