**Mr Francesco Curcio** is an Italian national. He studied law at the University La Sapienza in Rome and attended post-graduate courses to enter the judiciary.

Mr Curcio has worked as a public prosecutor over the past 30 years, specialising in organised crime investigations on Camorra, Ndrangheta, Nigerian mafia, trafficking in human beings, arms trafficking and drug trafficking. He has extensive experience in the co-ordination of investigative activities between different national offices, the use of special investigative techniques and international judicial co-operation.

Since March 2018, Mr Curcio has held the post of Chief District Prosecutor of Potenza (capital of the Basilicata Region), co-ordinating all investigations of the office and specialising in investigations against organised crime, in particular drug trafficking and trafficking of human beings.

Previously, Mr Curcio worked at the National Anti-mafia and Anti-terrorism Directorate (DNA), from July 2012 to March 2018, where he was responsible for the department dealing with transnational crime, in particular drug trafficking, trafficking in human beings, arms trafficking and people smuggling.

Over the years, Mr Curcio has worked at the Anti-mafia Directorates in Naples (from July 2009 to July 2012, and from January 1997 to December 2005) and Rome (from January 2006 to July 2009). From September 1994 to December 1996, he worked at the Financial Crime Unit of the Prosecutor's Office in Naples. From April 1989 to August 1994, he worked at the Prosecutor's Office S.Maria CV, in the Province of Caserta.

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