Dear President.

The European Commission welcomes the interest of the Czech Senate in the proposal for a Regulation relating to the control by Member States of implementing powers conferred on the Commission and thanks you for having transmitted its resolution.

The Commission takes note of the comments made on different points of the proposal. It shares the positions of the Czech Senate on the transparency of committee proceedings. Progress has been made in the past few years in this respect. The reform of the comitology procedures will certainly constitute a new opportunity to strengthen public access to documents produced within the comitology process.

The Commission understands the concerns of the Czech Senate regarding the effective control of comitology procedures and reassures the Senate that these concerns are being duly taken into account, insofar as the new institutional context as set out in the Lisbon treaty is fully respected.

The proposal is currently being discussed in the European Parliament and the Council and the Commission hopes that the Regulation will enter into force before the end of this year.

Yours faithfully,

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