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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Czech Senate for its opinion on the Green Paper on modernising the Professional Qualifications Directive 2005/36/EC – {COM(2011) 367 final}. Your contribution has helped us to prepare the proposal published on 20 December 2011 {COM(2011) 883 final}.

The Commission is pleased to note that the Senate is fully supportive of the objective to facilitate the mobility of professionals in the Single Market and the need for modernising the Professional Qualifications Directive to reach this objective.

The Commission takes note of the recommendation of the Senate to make more intensive use of existing administrative cooperation tools among Member States such as the Internal Market Information system (IMI). In this regard, the Commission would like to stress that such use might be envisaged by the proposed introduction of a European professional card.

The Commission also takes note of the concern of the Czech Senate regarding an increased administrative burden for qualification authorities such as universities and professional organisations. The Commission notes that the revision of Directive 2005/36/EC does not envisage introducing disproportionate obligations for professional organisations or further burdens on universities compared to the current situation.

Finally, the Commission shares the concern of the Senate on the effects of the enhanced mobility of professionals on public health and consumer protection.

I hope these clarifications address the issue raised in your opinion and look forward to the continuation of our political dialogue.

Yours faithfully,

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