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Mr Milan ŠTĚCH
President of the Senate
of the Czech Republic
Valdštejnské náměstí 17/4
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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Senát for its contribution to the public consultation on family reunification of third-country nationals launched by the Commission's Green Paper {COM(2011) 735 final}. Your contribution will be taken into account in the follow-up of this consultation process.

Please be informed that - as anticipated in the Green Paper itself - all contributions are published on the Commission website as from 2 March 2012.¹ In addition a public hearing was organised on 31 May/1 June.

The Commission has been analysing the great number of contributions² and has prepared a resumé and comparative analysis.³

The policy follow-up will be decided at a later stage. However, as it stands, the majority of the stakeholders do not think that the Directive should be modified, but ask for more efficient implementation of the present rules and/or the issuance of guidelines.

The Commission is also considering bringing together experts to explore how the application of the Directive could be further improved.

We will of course keep national Parliaments informed on any further development concerning the political dialogue with the Senát.

Yours faithfully,

Maroš Šefčovič
Vice-President

¹ http://ec.europa.eu/yourvoice/consultations/index_en.htm which than hyperlinks to the DG HOME Europa website: http://ec.europa.eu/homeaffairs/news/consulting_public/consulting_0010_en.htm

² As of 15/03/12 we have received 111 contributions, from Member States, international and national organisations and individuals.

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