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Dear Chair,

The Commission would like to thank the Poslanecká sněmovna for its Opinion on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing a framework for interoperability between EU information systems (borders and visa) and amending Council Decision 2004/512/EC, Regulation (EC) No 767/2008, Council Decision 2008/633/JHA, Regulation (EU) 2016/399 and Regulation (EU) 2017/2226 {COM(2017) 793 final} and on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing a framework for interoperability between European Union information systems (police and judicial cooperation, asylum and migration) {COM(2017) 794 final}.

These proposals establish a framework for interoperability between European Union information systems, in order to better protect the security of citizens and to improve security, as well as migration and border management. In their Joint Declaration signed on 14 December 2017, the Presidents of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission placed these proposals among the European Union's legislative priorities for 2018 – 2019.

The Commission is pleased that the Poslanecká sněmovna shares the view that action at European Union level as envisaged in the proposals is required to make European Union information systems interoperable, able to exchange information and to work better together.

Responding to the Poslanecká sněmovna's call to emphasise the protection of personal data, the Commission would like to stress that the respect of human rights, including data protection, is the cornerstone of these proposals.

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The proposals are currently in the legislative process involving both the European Parliament and the Council. The Commission remains hopeful that an agreement will be reached by the end of 2018, fully preserving the relevant safeguards included in the proposals.

The Commission looks forward to continuing the political dialogue with the Poslanecká sněmovna in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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