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Dear Chair,

The Commission would like to thank the Poslanecká sněmovna for its Opinion on the proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 concerning investigations conducted by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) as regards cooperation with the European Public Prosecutor's Office and the effectiveness of OLAF investigations {COM(2018) 338 final}.

The Commission appreciates that the Poslanecká sněmovna stresses the need for the timely adoption of this proposal, and welcomes its support for the introduction of an obligation for economic operators to cooperate with the European Anti-Fraud Office during its investigations.

Concerning the protection of whistleblowers, the Commission would like to draw the attention of the Poslanecká sněmovna to its proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of persons reporting on breaches of Union law {COM(2018) 218 final}.

The initial proposal presented by the Commission is currently in the legislative process involving both the European Parliament and the Council.

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

Yours faithfully,

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