

## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Senát for its Opinion on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on automated data exchange for police cooperation ('Prüm II'), amending Council Decisions 2008/615/JHA and 2008/616/JHA and Regulations (EU) 2018/1726, 2019/817 and 2019/818 of the European Parliament and of the Council {COM(2021) 784 final}, the proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on information exchange between law enforcement authorities of Member States, repealing Council Framework Decision 2006/960/JHA {COM(2021) 782 final} and the proposal for a Council Recommendation on operational police cooperation {COM(2021) 780 final}.

The Commission welcomes the Senát's general support for its proposals. It takes note of the Senát's support for the Czech government's position on the presented proposals. The proposals for a Regulation and for a Directive presented by the Commission are currently in the legislative process involving both the European Parliament and the Council, in which the Czech government is represented. The proposal for a Recommendation was adopted by the Council on 10 June 2022.

The Commission believes its proposals respect the division of competences and the protection of national interests. In regards to the Council Recommendation, Member States may maintain in force or adopt rules and agreements providing for closer cooperation than the recommended measures set forth in the Recommendation.

The Commission hopes that these comments address the concerns raised by the Senát and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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