

Letter of 26 June 2009 from the Danish Parliament's European Affairs and Trade and Industry Committees and Committee on Legal Affairs to Mr Joaquín Almunia, Commissioner responsible for Economic and Financial Affairs, with regard to the Danish Parliament's opinion on the White Paper concerning professional cross-border transportation of euro cash by road in the euro area

**Opinion on the White Paper concerning professional cross-border transportation of euro cash by road in the euro area - COM (2009) 0214**

Dear Commissioner,

I am pleased to send you the following consultation responses from the Danish Parliament's Trade and Industry Committee, Committee on Legal Affairs and European Affairs Committee to the Commission's White Paper on professional cross-border transportation of euro cash by road in the euro area - COM(2009) 0214.

There have proved to be divided opinions about the White Paper in the Danish Parliament. The committees do, however, value the opportunity to make their contribution and have therefore decided to forward the following three minority opinions to the Commission.

**Minority opinion from the Liberal Party and the Conservative People's Party (V and KF)**

A minority consisting of the Liberal Party and the Conservative People's Party has stated that it has no comments to make on the White Paper.

**Minority opinion from the Social Democrats and the Socialist People's Party (S and SF)**

A minority consisting of the Social Democrats and the Socialist People's Party has expressed the following opinion.

'In general, we Social Democrats and members of the Socialist People's Party consider that the prospective rules are appropriate and relevant and that Denmark should also be covered by them, even though it has not introduced the euro. We are pleased that the rules emphasise the need for national rules to be complied with and that the scope of the rules is such as to exclude cabotage. We note that clarification is still required concerning, for example, the intelligent banknote neutralisation system (IBNS) and accept that the EU is issuing the White Paper notwithstanding this fact.'

### **Minority opinion from the Danish People's Party (DF)**

Finally, a minority consisting of the Danish People's Party has expressed the following opinion.

'Among the elements of the White Paper to attract the attention of the Danish People's Party is the importance the paper attaches to clarifying whether Directive 96/71 (concerning the posting of workers) needs to be applied in this area and to making it clear which agreements etc. cash transport services come under – a matter dependent on the country of origin/recipient country concerned.

The Danish People's Party also anticipates certain purely practical difficulties in solving the problems surrounding the use of firearms. The White Paper states that where the security vehicle is driven from a Member State in which firearms are permitted to another in which they are not, the firearms should be locked up in a strongbox inside the vehicle, inaccessible to the cash-in-transit security staff. It should only be possible to open the firearms strongbox by remote intervention by the vehicle's control centre. Who checks that the firearms have been placed in the strongbox? In the view of the Danish People's Party, a set of common rules is necessary, without prejudice to national rules where certain aspects are concerned.'

Yours faithfully,

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