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Dear President,

The European Commission would like to thank the German Bundesrat for its resolution concerning the Green paper "Less bureaucracy for citizens: promoting free movement of public documents and recognition of the effects of civil status records" {COM(2010) 747 final}.

The Commission considers the transmission of Opinions by the national Parliaments as an important contribution to the European Union's consultation in the framework of the Green Paper.

*The public consultation was closed on 10 May 2011 and the Commission is analysing the results and all contributions received from interested parties. All contributions including the contribution of the German Bundesrat are available on the web site.
http://ec.europa.eu/justice/newsroom/civil/opinion/110510_en.htm.*

The Commission is now concentrating on the analysis of the contributions which will be carefully analysed in the context of the preparation of possible legislative initiatives as foreseen by the Action Plan Implementing the Stockholm Programme - Delivering an area of freedom, security and justice for Europe's citizens (COM (2010) 171).

The Commission will of course keep national parliaments duly informed about these initiatives.

I look forward to continuing this fruitful exchange of information.

Yours faithfully,

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