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Dear President,

The Commission thanks the Senate of the Italian Republic for its opinion on the Commission proposal for a Council Framework Decision on combating the sexual abuse, sexual exploitation of children and child pornography {COM(2009)135}. The Commission recognises the importance that the Senate attaches to preventing and combating the sexual abuse of children, and takes note of the favourable opinion of the Senate as well as of the statement that the Commission proposal complies with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality.

I would like to recall that this Commission proposal has been discussed at the Council during 2009. As the proposal had not been formally adopted by the Council at the date of entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon, it has lapsed. The Commission has submitted on 29 March 2010 a new proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and the Council for adoption under the ordinary legislative procedure, on which it encourages national Parliaments to react.

Yours sincerely,

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