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Dear Secretary General,

The European Commission is pleased about the favourable opinion of the competent Committee of the Italian Senate on the Proposal for a Council Framework Decision on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings, and protecting victims; repealing Framework decision 2002/629/JHA {COM(2009)136}, received on 15 January 2010.

In particular, the competent Committee explicitly expressed a favourable opinion on crucial subjects such as the level of penalties, the inclusion of begging, the enlargement of extraterritorial jurisdiction, on which the Commission is committed.

Due to the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon, all the proposals including the one on trafficking in human beings lapsed. The European Commission is preparing a new Directive proposal, which will take into account the discussion carried out in the Council.

The European Commission will take due account of all the proposals formulated in the Senate opinion, in particular concerning further support measures for victims. Regarding measures on immigration regulations such as simplified grounds for the granting of a residence permit to victims, these could be taken into consideration in a separate Directive, since the current one only deals with penal aspects, and applies to all victims, not only those who are third country nationals.

The new Directive proposal will be transmitted to all national Parliaments, who will be able to reformulate and update their opinions.

Yours sincerely,

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