Dear President,

The European Commission thanks the Italian Senate for its opinion on the proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on combating the sexual abuse, sexual exploitation of children and child pornography, repealing Framework Decision 2004/68/JHA {COM(2010) 94}.

We welcome the assessment of the Italian Senate that the Commission proposal complies with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality.

As regards the remarks of the Senate in relation to the scope of the provision on extraterritorial jurisdiction, it is already clear that the formulation of this provision has attracted a high degree of attention from both Council and Parliament and that further discussions on the subject can be expected.

The Commission will, during the discussions, take into account the remarks of the Italian Senate.

I look forward to developing our policy dialogue further in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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