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Dear President,

The European Commission thanks the Senate of the Republic of Italy very much for sharing its Resolution of its 14th permanent committee on the Commission proposal of the 29 March 2010 for a Directive on combating trafficking in human beings, and protecting victims {COM(2010)95}.

The Commission welcomes the formal and material support that the Senate expresses for the proposal. The resolution also contains a most interesting proposal regarding how the provision on extraterritorial jurisdiction in the Directive should be formulated. In light of the discussions and comments during the consultation process in preparation of the proposal, the Commission has chosen what it considers to be a balanced approach regarding this issue. The proposal of the Senate may however prove helpful in the ongoing negotiations on the text at the Parliament and the Council.

On 4 June the Council agreed on a general approach regarding the draft directive. The competent committee of the European Parliament will discuss and adopt the final report with amendments at one of its next meetings in the context of the ordinary legislative procedure.

Yours faithfully,

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