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Dear President,

The European Commission thanks the Italian Chamber of Deputies for its opinion on the Commission's proposals for Regulations concerning ENISA {COM(2010)520 and COM(2010)521}.

The Commission would like to highlight that the proposal for a Regulation {COM(2010)520} aims at extending the current mandate of the Agency with identical conditions and budget for 18 months to cover the period of legislative scrutiny and adoption. It is a safety net to avoid a legal vacuum for the case the new mandate of the Agency put forward in proposal {COM(2010)521} would not be adopted before the expiry of the current mandate.

Regarding the Italian Chamber of Deputies' specific observations, the Commission takes note of the suggestion to make the text more precise. The Commission shares the Italian Chamber of Deputies' view regarding the relevance of involving competent bodies and the need for a very high level of efficiency. In this respect, the Commission would like to highlight the following:

- The formulation of tasks {Art. 3 - COM(2010)521} foresees the role of ENISA to facilitate cooperation between Member States in particular by involving the competent bodies (Art. 3.1(e)) which have the knowledge, skills and capability to deal with network and information security issues.*
- The amended governance structure and the streamlining of procedures in the proposal are designed as a vehicle to ensure a higher level of efficiency and to avoid overlaps between the different bodies of the Agency.*

The two proposals are currently being discussed by the European Parliament and the Council.

The Commission is certain that the Italian Chamber of Deputies opinion will be of utmost importance in these discussions during the legislative procedure.

Finally, the Commission would like to thank the Italian Chamber of Deputies for its support for the proposals for the Regulations concerning ENISA.

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

Yours faithfully,

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