



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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Dear President,

The European Commission would like to thank the Italian Senate for its opinion concerning the Commission Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters (Recast) {COM(2010) 748 final}.

The Commission welcomes the favourable opinion of the Italian Senate, and apologises for the delay in replying to it.

The Commission agrees that the case law of the national courts provides highly useful insight in the actual application of the Regulation in the Member States. In this respect, the Commission would like to point out that prior to the adoption of the proposal, an extensive empirical research covering the 27 Member States has been carried out. This research has included an analysis of the case law of the national courts, which has thus served as a basis for the proposal. The results of this study are available at http://ec.europa.eu/justice/civil/document/index_en.htm.

Finally, the Commission would like to point out that a database on the case law is being set up, available at the following website: <http://ec.europa.eu/civiljustice/jure/index.htm>.

I am looking forward to continuing our political dialogue.

Yours faithfully,

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