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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Senato della Repubblica for its Opinion on the Commission's proposal for a Directive amending Council Framework Decision 2009/315/JHA, as regards the exchange of information on third country nationals and as regards the European Criminal Records Information System (ECRIS), and replacing Council Decision 2009/316/JHA {COM(2016)7 final}.

ECRIS is an electronic system connecting Member States and enabling them to rapidly exchange criminal record information on persons convicted in the EU.

The Commission's proposal aims to improve the efficiency of ECRIS regarding third country nationals. It introduces a mechanism to efficiently identify Member States holding criminal record information on convicted third country nationals. This will lead to a more systematic use of ECRIS with regard to third country nationals and thus to better informed decisions in court proceedings and other decisions according to national law.

The Commission welcomes the Senato della Repubblica's support for the proposal and hopes an agreement on this proposal will be reached by the co-legislators as soon as possible.

The Commission looks forward to continuing our political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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