



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Senato della Repubblica for its Opinion on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement (revision of the suspension mechanism) {COM(2016) 290 final}.*

*The Commission welcomes the Senato della Repubblica's support for its proposal and is pleased that the Senato della Repubblica shares the view that the proposal complies with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality.*

*The Commission would like to reassure the Senato della Repubblica that, in the event that the Commission decides on the temporary suspension of the visa exemption for a third country, this suspension will apply to all external borders.*

*The Commission is confident that, following the general approach adopted by the Council on 20 May 2016 and the positive vote by the European Parliament's Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs on a draft report on 7 July 2016, an agreement on the proposal between the co-legislators can be found swiftly.*

*The Commission hopes that these clarifications address the issues raised by the Senato della Repubblica and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

*Member of the Commission*

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