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*Mr Pietro GRASSO
President of the Senato della
Repubblica
Piazza Madama, 1
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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 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1030/2002 laying down a uniform format for residence permits for third-country nationals {COM(2016) 434 final}.

The proposal aims to improve the uniform format for residence permits in the light of the technical advancements used by fraudsters. The current design of the residence permit dates from the Council Joint Action 97/11/JHA¹ which was adopted back in 1997. It has therefore become necessary to work on a new design and to introduce more modern security features into the residence permit.

The Commission welcomes the Senato della Repubblica's overall support for the aims of the proposal as well as the assessment and positive conclusion of the Senato della Repubblica regarding the proposal's compliance with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality.

The Commission remains hopeful that an agreement between the European Parliament and the Council on the proposal which is currently in the legislative process will be reached soon and looks forward to continuing our political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

*Frans Timmermans
First Vice-President*

*Dimitris Avramopoulos
Member of the Commission*

¹ OJ L 7, 10.1.1997, pp. 1-4.