



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 establishing a Union certification system for aviation security screening equipment {COM(2016) 491 final}.

By adopting this proposal the Commission intends to contribute to the proper functioning of the internal market and to increase the global competitiveness of the EU industry by establishing an EU certification system for aviation security screening equipment.

The Commission is pleased that the Senato della Repubblica shares the view that EU level action is required to increase the efficiency of the EU aviation security screening market and to reduce the administrative burden on manufacturers, thereby improving the global competitiveness of the EU industry.

Moreover, the Commission welcomes that the Senato della Repubblica took note of the fact that the proposal does not introduce specific manufacturing techniques or performance requirements for screening equipment, as these have already been laid down in existing EU legislation.

Discussions between the Commission and the co-legislators concerning the proposal are now underway and the Commission remains hopeful that an agreement will be reached in the near future.

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

Yours faithfully,

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