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Mr Česlovas Vytautas STANKEVIČIUS
Chairman of the Committee on
European Affairs
Parliament of Lithuania
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LIETUVA (LITHUANIA)

Dear Mr Stankevičius,

I thank you for the Lithuanian Parliament's opinion on COM (2009) 338 - Proposal for Council Framework Decision on the right to interpretation and to translation in criminal proceedings

The European Commission has taken note of the opinion submitted by the Committee on European Affairs of the Lithuanian *Seimas* and appreciates the broad support for the Commission's proposal expressed in this Opinion.

As regards the need for a more precise wording of certain provisions, the Commission would like to point out that in the course of negotiations in Council, some of these provisions, in particular those on meetings between the suspect or accused person and his counsel and on translation of "essential documents", have been altered so as to ensure more clarity and to meet the financial concerns expressed by some delegations. Therefore, the final result of the legislative process seems to take account of the concerns expressed by the Lithuanian Parliament.

I look forward to developing our policy dialogue further in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Panayotis ANASTOPOULOS
Director f.f.