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Dear President,

The Commission welcomes the interest of the Romanian Senate in the European Commission's Green Paper 'Strengthening mutual trust in the European judicial area - A Green Paper on the application of EU criminal justice legislation in the field of detention' {COM (2011) 327 final} and would like to express its thanks for the Senate's opinion.

The objective of the Green Paper is to explore the extent to which detention issues impact on mutual trust and consequently on mutual recognition and judicial cooperation generally within the European Union. The Commission appreciates the detailed answers and constructive comments given by the Romanian Senate and the support for a common legislative framework to establish minimum standards in the area of criminal justice, allowing the principle of mutual recognition to operate effectively.

Going forward, the Commission is currently collating replies to the Green Paper and will analyse the Green Paper contributions in order to consider whether there is a need for further steps at European level.

Once again the Commission thanks the Romanian Senate for its opinion and will bear it in mind as this part of the procedural rights roadmap moves forward.

Yours faithfully,

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