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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Camera Deputaților for its Opinion concerning the proposal for a Decision on establishing a European Platform to enhance cooperation in the prevention and deterrence of undeclared work {COM(2014) 221 final}.

The Commission would like to give the following comments to the suggestions in the Opinion and in particular in its point 10.

The development of permanent training capacity, carrying out joint trainings and the examination of ways to improve data sharing between Member States, are indeed already foreseen in the proposal.

Furthermore, the European Platform to enhance cooperation in the prevention and deterrence of undeclared work (the Platform) would work through the Single points of contact in each Member State. Single points of contact would liaise with other national enforcement authorities who have a role in the prevention and/or deterrence of undeclared work. Thus, all relevant authorities would be included in the work of the Platform. This kind of holistic approach would be essential for the effectiveness of the Platform as different authorities could be responsible for the fight against undeclared work in different Member States.

The Commission takes note of the Camera Deputaților's suggestion to form a specialised Union-level team with a dedicated training programme, replacing the delegates. Once the Platform is established, it could be examined whether this idea should be developed further. However, according to the Commission, it should in any case not replace the delegates, who would ensure a proper governance of the Platform at EU level.

The Commission agrees that exchange of best practices and information, training of officials and finding solutions for data sharing as referred to in point 10 of the Opinion, are important elements to support the efforts of the Member States and enhance EU cooperation in the prevention and deterrence of undeclared work.

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The points made above are based on the initial proposal presented by the Commission which is currently in the legislative process involving both the European Parliament and the Council in which your government is represented. The Council reached a general approach on this proposal in October 2014. The European Parliament is currently considering its position with regards to this file.

The Commission hopes that these clarifications address the issues raised by the Camera Deputaților and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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