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OPINION

Regarding the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1406/2002 establishing a European Maritime Safety Agency

COM (2015) 667 final

The Romanian Senate examined the *Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1406/2002 establishing a European Maritime Safety Agency COM (2015) 667 final* – according to the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon (Protocol no. 2).

Taking into account the report of March 3, 2016 of our permanent Committee on European Affairs, the **Plenum of the Senate**, during its session of March 7, 2016, decided as follows:

- 1. This Regulation does not violates principles of subsidiarity and proportionality.
- 2. Within aviation safety, the following are noted:

Development cooperation at European level, in terms of functions in coastguard by developing forms of cooperation between the European Border and Coast Guard, the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) and the European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA);

- 3. The following are considered necessary and mandatory:
 - a. Improving data dissemination maritime surveillance, real-time and near real-time between the three agencies and relevant authorities;
 - b. Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) flexible services for surveillance of border control;
 - c. Ensuring satellite Automatic Identification System (AIS) data collected;
 - d. Communications, in particular satellite communications to support joint operations;
 - e. Training, distance learning and exchange of good practice and developing joint operational standards and interoperability based on projects;

4. It is strongly recommended to pursue:

- a. Closer cooperation with the competent authorities in the European Union;
- b. Reduce missions deficiencies on information, skills and capacities of other bodies;
- c. Ensuring the necessary human resources.

p. Speaker of the Senate

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