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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Senat for its Opinion on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council and the Council "Back to Schengen – A Roadmap" {COM(2016) 120 final}.*

*The Commission agrees with the Senat's statement that the absence of internal border controls should go hand in hand with the elaboration of a common policy on asylum, immigration and external border control, based on solidarity between Member States and the principle of fairness to third-country nationals. It also welcomes the Senat's statement that a gradual return to a full implementation of the Dublin system, with the full participation of all Member States, is a crucial point.*

*The Commission is fully committed to work in that direction, respecting the objectives of solidarity and a fair sharing of responsibilities between Member States, and ensuring a uniform application of the Dublin rules in all Member States.*

*The Commission looks forward to continuing the political dialogue with the Senat in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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