



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

*Brussels, 15.2.2019
C(2019) 657 final*

Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Camera Deputaților for its Opinion on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the European Council – A Europe that protects: An initiative to extend the competences of the European Public Prosecutor's Office to cross-border terrorist crimes {COM(2018) 641 final}.

The Commission welcomes the support expressed by the Camera Deputaților for this initiative. Indeed, this Communication forms part of a broader package of ambitious measures aimed at completing the Security Union and thus enhancing the security of the European citizens.

As outlined in the Communication, a timely sharing and cross-checking of information for the purpose of criminal investigations or prosecutions into terrorist crimes is of vital importance. Accordingly, the Commission remains determined to enhance the level of cooperation and exchange of information to better fight terrorist crimes in the European Union.

This political debate will allow the European Council to take further action on this initiative together with the European Parliament and to amend Article 86 of the Treaty on the Functioning for the European Union in such way as to extend the powers of the European Public Prosecutor's Office to terrorist offences affecting more than one Member State.

*Mr Liviu DRAGNEA
President of the
Camera Deputaților
Palace of the Parliament
Str. Izvor nr. 2-4, sector 5
RO – 050563 BUCHAREST*

If the European Council takes such decision, a legislative proposal amending Regulation (EU) 2017/1939 aimed at extending the competences of the European Public Prosecutor's Office would follow. This legislative proposal would be accompanied by a legislative financial statement, which would detail out the necessary financial and staffing recourses.

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

Yours faithfully,

*Frans Timmermans
First Vice-President*

*Věra Jourová
Member of the Commission*