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Dear Presidents,

The Commission would like to thank the Senado and the Congreso de los Diputados for their Opinion on the proposal for a Regulation establishing a European Travel Information and Authorisation System {COM(2016) 731 final}.

The objective of the European Travel Information and Authorisation System is to determine the eligibility of visa-exempt third country nationals to travel to the Schengen Area and to identify prior to the arrival of the traveller to the external borders whether such travel poses any security, irregular immigration or public health risk.

The Commission is pleased that the Senado and the Congreso de los Diputados share the view that action at the European Union level as envisaged in the proposal is required as one of the further measures to strengthen the protection of the external borders of the European Union.

Discussions between the Commission and the co-legislators on the proposal are now underway and the Commission remains hopeful that an agreement will be reached by the end of 2017.

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

Yours faithfully,

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