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Dear Presidents,

The Commission would like to thank the Congreso de los Diputados and the Senado for their Opinion concerning the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on ENISA, the "EU Cybersecurity Agency", and repealing Regulation (EU) 526/2013, and on Information and Communication Technology cybersecurity certification "Cybersecurity Act" {COM(2017) 477 final}.

The Commission's proposal for a strong, permanent and focused mandate of the European Union Agency for Network and Information Security ("the Cybersecurity Agency") builds on the main achievements of the Agency - in the field of cooperation, support to capacity building and policy development and implementation at Union level – and the requirements of European Union law, in particular the important tasks attributed to the Cybersecurity Agency by the Directive on Security of Networks and Information Systems¹ (the 'NIS Directive'). At the same time, it entrusts the European Union Cybersecurity Agency with some new responsibilities in the to-be-established European Union cybersecurity certification framework, which forms integral part of the same proposal.

The Commission is pleased that the Congreso de los Diputados and the Senado share the views that the proposal will equip the Cybersecurity Agency with a modernised and

¹ Directive (EU) 2016/1148 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 July 2016 concerning measures for a high common level of security of network and information systems across the Union, OJ L 194, 19.7.2016, p. 1–30.

improved mandate and the need for a single European framework for cybersecurity certification.

The initial proposal presented by the Commission is currently in the legislative process involving both the European Parliament and the Council. The Commission remains hopeful that an agreement will be reached before the end of its current mandate in 2019.

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

Yours faithfully,

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