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Dear Presidents,

The Commission would like to thank the Senado and Congreso de los Diputados for their Opinion on the proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on combating fraud and counterfeiting of non-cash means of payment and replacing Council Framework Decision 2001/413/JHA {COM(2017) 489 final}.

This proposal was adopted as a part of the package of measures designed to enhance cybersecurity in the European Union, presented on 13 September 2017.

In proposing this initiative, the Commission is following up on the commitment it undertook in the European Agenda on Security {COM(2015) 185 final} to review the existing European Union legal framework, which dates back to 2001, and remedy identified shortcomings.

The Commission is pleased that the Cortes Generales share the view that action at the European Union level as envisaged in the proposal is required to facilitate law enforcement and judicial cooperation against fraud and counterfeiting of non-cash means of payment.

The Commission welcomes the support expressed by the Cortes Generales for the aims and the approach taken, as well as the clear assessment as regards the respect of the principle of subsidiarity and the consistency with other European Union and national policies.

The Opinion of the Cortes Generales has been made available to the Commission's representatives in the ongoing negotiations with the European Parliament and the Council.

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

Yours faithfully,

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