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Dear Presidents,

The Commission would like to thank the Cortes Generales for their Opinion on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing a framework for interoperability between EU information systems (borders and visa) {COM(2017) 793 final} and on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing a framework for interoperability between EU information systems (police and judicial cooperation, asylum and migration) {COM(2017) 794 final}.

These proposals establish a framework for interoperability between European Union information systems, to better protect the security of citizens and to improve migration and border management. In their Joint Declaration, the Presidents of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission placed these proposals among the European Union's legislative priorities for 2018 to 2019.

The Commission is pleased that the Cortes Generales share the view that the envisaged measures would help protecting the citizens of the European Union and strengthen the Union's capacity to fight crime and terrorism and that interoperability undermines neither fundamental rights nor data protection.

The proposals are currently in the legislative process involving both the Parliament and the Council. The Commission remains hopeful that an agreement will be reached before the end of 2018.

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

Yours faithfully,

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