



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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*Dear Presidents,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Cortes Generales for their Opinion on the proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 concerning investigations conducted by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) as regards cooperation with the European Public Prosecutor's Office and the effectiveness of OLAF investigations {COM(2018) 338 final}.*

*The Commission welcomes the conclusion of the Cortes Generales that the protection of the financial interests of the Union is, by its nature, a task that requires a response at the Union level. As equally noted in the Opinion, the proposal would not extend the powers of OLAF but define OLAF's future relationship with the European Public Prosecutor's Office and ensure that OLAF is fit for purpose by enhancing the effectiveness of its investigations.*

*The initial proposal presented by the Commission is currently in the legislative process involving both the European Parliament and the Council.*

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

*Yours faithfully,*

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