



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 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Justice Programme {COM(2018) 384 final}.*

*This proposal forms part of the post 2020 Multiannual Financial Framework package that the Commission put forward in May 2018. At a time where European societies are confronted with extremism, radicalism and divisions, it is more important than ever to promote, strengthen and defend justice, rights and European Union values. This programme will contribute to the further development of a European area of justice based on the rule of law, on mutual recognition and mutual trust.*

*The Commission is pleased that the Cortes Generales share the view that action at Union level as envisaged in the proposal is required to support judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters, to promote judicial training and to facilitate effective access to justice.*

*Discussions between the Commission and the co-legislators concerning the proposal are now underway and the Commission remains hopeful that an agreement will be reached in the near future.*

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

*Yours faithfully,*

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