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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 amending Regulation (EU) 2016/794, as regards Europol's cooperation with private parties, the processing of personal data by Europol in support of criminal investigations, and Europol's role on research and innovation {COM(2020) 796 final}.

The Commission appreciates that the Cortes Generales decided to analyse this proposal and welcomes their conclusion that the proposal complies with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality.

The Commission believes that the political dialogue with national Parliaments is essential for linking the institutions and the citizens of the European Union, and looks forward to continuing it with the Cortes Generales in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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