



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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Dear Mr Forsberg,

The Commission would like to thank the Swedish Parliament for its contribution of 18 January 2010 to the Green Paper on obtaining evidence in criminal matters from one of the Member State to another and securing its admissibility {COM(2009)624}, adopted on 11 November 2009.

The consultation launched by the Green Paper forms part of an impact assessment that the Commission is currently conducting with the purpose of identifying the best way to proceed in order to improve cooperation on obtaining evidence in criminal matters. Since this impact assessment has not yet been concluded, the Commission cannot at this stage provide any detailed comments to the reply from the Swedish Parliament.

However, the Commission welcomes the support from the Swedish Parliament to a closer cooperation on obtaining evidence in criminal matters based on the principle of mutual recognition. The Commission has also taken note of the remarks made by the Swedish Parliament about the importance of having regard to the differences in the legal systems of the Member States when considering adopting common standards for gathering evidence.

The Commission will carefully analyse the reply from the Swedish Parliament and as far as possible take it into account when analysing the possible ways to proceed in order to improve cooperation on obtaining evidence in criminal matters.

I look forward to developing our policy dialogue further in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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