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**Proposal for a Directive on the placing on the market of the food from animal clones: COM(2014) 3093**

I am replying to the letter of 8 May 2014 from Commissioner Borg in response to the Reasoned Opinion issued by the House of Commons in respect of this proposal.

The Committee is disappointed that the Commission still fails to understand the difficulties for national Parliaments where the Commission chooses to focus its subsidiarity substantiation (such as it is) in an impact assessment, which:

- (a) is not translated into all the official languages of the EU; and
- (b) conflates the substantiation for two distinct proposals (one of which is based on Article 352 TFEU, warranting close subsidiarity scrutiny by national Parliaments).

The Committee also continues to doubt that the Commission has proved that the proposal is necessary at EU level, particularly in the absence of evidence of existing or likely divergent national legislation, a point which the Commission's response does not address. It regrets that the Commission still intends to pursue this proposal.

**CHAIRMAN**