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Acting Director-General

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Your Excellency,

Thank you for consulting the European Commission on the "Agreement on Restructuring of Police Structures" that you forwarded to Ambassador Humphreys on 4 October.

My services in the Commission have looked at the draft agreement and consulted with other parties involved in these discussions, including the Office of the High Representative.

Based on the English version of the draft agreement, I consider it – as long as there are no changes to the text - to be in accordance with the three European Commission principles on the police reform, i.e. i) all legislative and budgetary competences vested at state level; ii) no political interference with operational policing; iii) functional local police areas determined by technical policing criteria.

I very much hope that your efforts to draw up a proposal that meets the European Commission's principles will lead to a solution of the police reform issue, which must be resolved before the European Commission can recommend the launch of SAA negotiations. The political agreement that you have proposed, if passed without amendment by the RSNA, would represent a crucial step towards enabling the European Commission to recommend starting the negotiations on a Stabilization and Association Agreement.

Yours sincerely,

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