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Dear Minister,

Following the successful outcome of the Milestone 1 test, the Council invited the Commission to present a binding global schedule and a solid and comprehensive budgetary plan for the entry into operations of SIS II. The Commission presented to the Justice and Home Affairs Council of 3-4 June 2010 a revised project schedule whereby SIS II could be expected to become operational by the first quarter of 2013.

Before the entry into operation of SIS II, according to the global project schedule, the phases of testing and migration still have to be duly finalised. The testing phase is supposed to include the Provisional System Acceptance Test (PSAT) and the Milestone 2 (as clearly requested by the Council) that are supposed to take place at the same stage, after the completion of extensive testing of the central system with the national systems, implying readiness and availability of the Member States participating in those tests.

At this stage of the project where Member States are expected to actively participate in testing activities and finalise their national developments, any delays in Member States readiness would have a negative impact on the overall planning of the SIS II project.

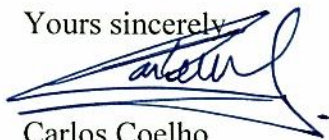
As the rapporteur from the European Parliament for the SIS II, I am very concerned with some information received that some Member States might want to delay the project schedule. The European Parliament firmly believes that the SIS II project already suffered more delays than what would be reasonably acceptable and expects that both the Commission and the Member States would do their utmost in order to ensure a successful outcome.

Even if the SIS II has had a difficult evolution, I would like to stress the fact that the establishment of the SIS II still remains a priority to the European Parliament and should be operational as soon as possible, introducing several improvements and new functionalities as foreseen in the legal basis, in order to reinforce the security of

European citizens and to guarantee an efficient border control at external borders while ensuring the completion and coherence of the Schengen acquis.

I would like to ask the help of the Polish Presidency to endeavour all the necessary efforts in order to guarantee that it will not be by Member States responsibility that the SIS II project will be subject to any more delays.

Yours sincerely



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Let me wish you the best success  
in your new responsibilities