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Dear Mr López Aguilar,

Thank you for your letter of 23 July 2012 in which you express the interest of your Committee in the mid-term review by the European Commission of the implementation of the Stockholm Programme.

The European Commission is committed to build the Union's area of freedom, security and justice along the renewed institutional and policy framework given by the Treaty of Lisbon. The Stockholm Programme of December 2009, as much as the European Parliament resolution of 25 November 2009 have defined strategic guidelines for our legislative and operational planning within the area of freedom, security and justice.

The European Commission has been active in proposing the individual measures, as have been the European Parliament and the Council in examining them.

Indeed, since I took office as the EU's first Justice Commissioner, I have presented a considerable number of policy initiatives, legislative proposals and political reports related to the goals of the Stockholm programme and your resolution. I attach to this letter a comprehensive list of these actions. As you will see and thanks in large part to your constructive support, several of the proposals have already become, or are about to become, EU law.

In the remaining years of the mandate of this Commission and this European Parliament, I intend to present further proposals towards delivering a true freedom, security and justice area to our citizens.

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I would welcome the opportunity, should you so wish, to present before the end of the year, our achievements to your Committee, so that we can review progress together. It will also be a good opportunity to exchange on the next steps.

I look forward to our continued close and constructive co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION (DG JUSTICE) IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STOCKHOLM PROGRAMME
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Reference	Adoption date	Full title
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Ensuring the protection of fundamental rights

COM(2010)593	5/02/2010	Commission decision on standard contractual clauses for the transfer of personal data to processors established in third countries under Directive 95/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council
SEC(2010)305	17/03/2010	Commission proposes negotiation directives for Union's accession to ECHR
COM(2010)573	19/10/2010	Communication "Strategy for the effective implementation of the Charter of Fundamental Rights by the European Union"
COM(2010)602	27/10/2010	Report on progress towards effective EU Citizenship 2007-2010
COM(2010)603	27/10/2010	EU Citizenship Report 2010 "Dismantling the obstacles to EU citizens' rights"
COM(2010)605	27/10/2010	Report on the election of Members of the European Parliament (1976 Act as amended by Decision 2002/772/EC, Euratom) and on the participation of European Union citizens in elections for the European Parliament in the Member State of residence (Directive 93/109/EC)
COM(2010)609	4/11/2010	Communication "A comprehensive approach on personal data protection in the European Union"
COM(2010)674	17/11/2010	Communication "Dial 116 000: The European hotline for missing children"
COM(2010)708	2/12/2010	Proposal for Council Decision amending Council Decision of 28.02.08 implementing Regulation 168/2007 as regards the adoption of a Multi-annual Framework for the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights for 2007-2012
COM(2011)60	15/02/2011	Communication "An EU Agenda for the Rights of the Child"

SEC (2011)193	11/02/2011	Report on the progress on equality between women and men in 2010
COM(2011)149	23/03/2011	Communication "Consular protection for EU citizens in third countries - State of play and way forward"
COM2011(160)	30/03/2011	2010 Report on the Application of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights
COM(2011)173	5/04/2011	Communication "An EU Framework for national Roma integration strategies up to 2020"
COM(2011)249	5/05/2011	Report on the interim evaluation of the Fundamental Rights and citizenship Programme 2007-2013
COM(2011)880	13/12/2011	Proposal for a Council Decision establishing a Multiannual Framework for the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights for 2013-2017
COM(2011)881	14/12/2011	Proposal for a Council Directive on consular protection for citizens of the Union abroad
COM(2011)904, 908-12, 915-917	21/12/2011	Proposals for a Council Decisions on the declaration of acceptance by the Member States, in the interest of the European Union, of the accession of the Russian Federation and 7 other states to the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction
COM(2012)9	25/01/2012	Communication "Safeguarding Privacy in a Connected World - A European Data Protection Framework for the 21st Century"
COM(2012)10	25/01/2012	Proposal for a for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by competent authorities for the purposes of prevention, investigation, detection or prosecution of criminal offences or the execution of criminal penalties, and the free movement of such data
COM(2012)11	25/01/2012	Proposal for a for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data
COM(2012)12	25/01/2012	Report based on Article 29 (2) of the Council Framework Decision of 27 November 2008 on the protection of personal data processed in the framework of police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters
COM(2012)99	9/03/2012	Report on the application of Directive 94/80/EC on the right to vote and to stand as a candidate in municipal elections by citizens of the Union residing in a Member State of which they are not nationals

COM(2012)169	16/04/2012	Communication "2011 Report on the Application of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights", including Annex reports on the Charter and on Equality between women and men, for 2011.
COM(2012)226	21/05/2012	Communication "National Roma Integration Strategies: a first step in the implementation of the EU Framework"
COM(2012)4885	19/07/2012	Implementing decision replacing the Annex of the Council Directive 94/80/EC laying down detailed arrangements for the exercise of the right to vote and to stand as a candidate in municipal elections by citizens of the Union residing in a Member State of which they are not nationals
COM(2011)573	20/09/2011	Communication "Towards an EU criminal law policy: Ensuring the effective implementation of EU policies through criminal law"

Strengthening confidence in the European judicial area

COM(2010)82	9/03/2010	Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Right to Interpretation and Translation in criminal proceedings
COM(2011)125/12 6/127	16/03/2011	Communication "Bringing legal clarity to the property rights for international couples"
COM(2010)104	24/03/2010	Proposal for a Council Decision authorising enhanced cooperation in the area of the law applicable to divorce and legal separation
COM(2010)105	24/03/2010	Proposal for a Council Regulation implementing enhanced cooperation in the area of the law applicable to divorce and legal separation
COM(2010)348	1/07/2010	Green Paper on policy options for progress towards a European Contract Law for consumers and businesses
COM(2010)392	20/07/2010	Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and Council on the right to information in criminal proceedings
COM(2010)428	23/08/2010	Report based on Article 22 of the Council Framework Decision 2006/783/JHA of 6 October 2006 on the application of the principle of mutual recognition to confiscation orders
COM(2010)747	14/12/2010	Green Paper "Less bureaucracy for citizens: promoting free movement of public documents and recognition of the effects of civil status records"

COM(2010)748	14/12/2010	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters
COM(2011)125	16/03/2011	Communication "Bringing legal clarity to the property rights for international couples"
COM(2011)126	16/03/2011	Proposal for a Council Regulation on jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement of decisions in matters of matrimonial regimes
COM(2011)127	16/03/2011	Proposal for a Council Regulation on jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement of decisions regarding the property consequences of registered partnerships
COM(2011)156	4/04/2011	Proposal for a Council Regulation amending the list of insolvency proceedings, winding-up proceedings and liquidators in Annexes A to C to Regulation (EC) No 1346/2000 (the Insolvency Regulation)
COM(2011)175	11/04/2011	Report on the implementation since 2007 of the Council Framework Decision of 13 June 2002 on the European arrest warrant and the surrender procedures between Member States
COM(2011)274/275/276	18/05/2011	Communication "Strengthening victims' rights in the EU"
COM(2011)275	18/05/2011	Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime
COM(2011)276	18/05/2011	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on mutual recognition of protection measures in civil matters
COM(2011)293	26/05/2011	Communication "On the protection of the financial interests of the European Union by criminal law and by administrative investigations: An integrated policy to safeguard taxpayers' money"
COM(2011)326	8/06/2011	Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the right of access to a lawyer in criminal proceedings and on the right to communicate upon arrest
COM(2011)327	14/06/2011	Green Paper "Strengthening mutual trust in the European Judicial area - A Green Paper on the application of EU criminal justice legislation in the field of detention"
COM(2011)351	15/06/2011	Interim evaluation report on the results obtained from and the qualitative and quantitative aspects of the implementation of the Civil Justice financing programme

COM(2011)445	25/07/2011	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council creating a European Account Preservation Order to facilitate cross-border debt recovery in civil and commercial matters
COM(2011)551	13/09/2011	Communication "Building trust in EU-wide Justice: A new dimension to European judicial training"
COM(2011)573	20/09/2011	Communication "Towards an EU criminal law policy: Ensuring the effective implementation of EU policies through criminal law"
COM(2011)635/ 636	11/10/2011	Communication and Proposal for a for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council on an optional Common European Sales Law
COM(2012)363	11/07/2012	Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the fight against fraud to the Union's financial interests by means of criminal law

Ensuring the security of Europe (Drugs policy)

COM(2010)583	20/10/2010	Proposal for a Council Decision On submitting 4-methylmethcathinone (mephedrone) to control measures
COM(2010)630	5/11/2010	Report "2010 progress review of the EU Drugs Action Plan (2009-2012)"
COM(2011)246	5/05/2011	Report on the interim evaluation of the specific programme "Drug Prevention and Information Programme" (DPIP) 2007-2013
COM(2011)430	11/07/2011	Report on the assessment of the functioning of Council Decision 2005/387/JHA on the information exchange, risk-assessment and control of new psychoactive substances
COM(2011)689	25/10/2011	Communication "Towards a stronger European response to drugs"

Others (future financing)

COM(2011)759	15/11/2011	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council establishing for the period 2014-2020 the "Justice" programme
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COM/2011/758	15/11/2011	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing for the period 2014-2020 the "Rights and Citizenship" programme
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