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Dear Chairman,

Thank you for your letter of 23 July expressing your interest in the mid-term review of the Stockholm Programme.

The Stockholm Programme has provided the framework for the EU's action in the justice and home affairs area with the aim of creating an open and secure Europe which serves and protects our citizens. The Communication 'Delivering an area of freedom, security and justice for Europe's citizens – Action Plan implementing the Stockholm Programme', adopted by the Commission in April 2010, translates the political aims and priorities of the Stockholm Programme into concrete actions.

Since taking office, I have worked hard to implement this agenda in the home affairs area by addressing the challenges of migration and security in a rapidly evolving international context. Significant progress has already been made, much of which would not have been possible without the constructive support of the European Parliament.

A number of reporting mechanisms are already in place and provide an overview of the state of play in key home affairs areas, such as the Annual Report on Immigration and Asylum, the report on the implementation of the Internal Security Strategy, and the biannual reports on Schengen and on the Global Approach to Migration and Mobility.

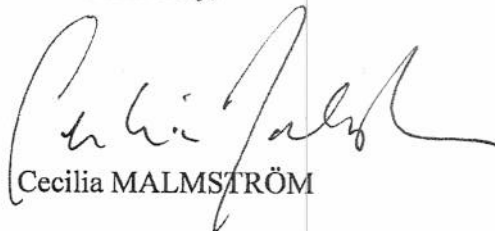
Our hard work continues on the implementation of the Stockholm Programme. Looking briefly ahead, before the end of 2012, I intend to present, in particular, the 'Smart Borders' package, as well as the proposal for a revised Directive on entry and stay of third-country nationals, students and researchers.

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In this context, I trust you will understand that the Commission is not planning to produce a written report about the mid-term implementation of the Stockholm programme. In line with my regular appearances in the LIBE Committee to update Members on progress and future work, I am, of course, ready to intervene before the Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee to present an oral update on the progress made to date and discuss with Members what has been achieved and what remains to be done.

I look forward to continuing our constructive relationship and to working closely with Parliament on these and other files during the remainder of my mandate.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cecilia Malmström', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Cecilia MALMSTRÖM

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STOCKHOLM PROGRAMME IN THE HOME AFFAIRS AREA		
Agenda Planning reference	Title	COM reference
Ensuring the security of Europe		
Internal Security Strategy		
2010/HOME/268	Internal Security Strategy Communication	COM(2010)673
2011/HOME/033	The first annual report on the implementation of the Internal Security Strategy	COM(2011)790
Upgrading the tools for the job		
<i>Managing the flow of information</i>		
2010/HOME/165	Recommendation to authorise opening of negotiations with the US on data protection and data exchange	COM(2010)252
2010/HOME/242	Communication from the Commission to the EP and the Council on information management in the area of justice, freedom and security	COM(2010)385
2010/HOME/042	Communication on the global approach of PNR data to third countries	SEC(2010)1082
2009/HOME/207	Recommendation from the Commission to the Council to authorise the opening of negotiations for an agreement between the European Union and Canada on the transfer and processing of passenger name record (PNR) data to prevent and combat terrorism and other transnational serious crime, including organised crime	SEC(2010)1084
2010/HOME/286	Recommendation from the Commission to the Council to authorise the opening of the negotiations with the US on the transfer and processing of PNR data	SEC(2010)1082
2010/HOME/287	Recommendation from the Commission to the Council to authorise the opening of the negotiations with Australia on the transfer and processing of PNR data	SEC(2010)1083
2010/HOME/036	Proposal for a Directive for the use of Passenger Name Record (PNR) data for the prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of terrorist offences and serious crime (European PNR)	COM(2011)032
2010/HOME/043	Report from the Commission to the Council on the Implementation of the Directive 2006/24/EC on the retention of data generated or processed in connection with the provision of publicly available electronic communications services or of public communications networks and amending Directive 2002/58/EC	C(2011)225
2011/HOME/035	Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the EU and Australia on the transfer and use of PNR data to prevent and combat terrorism and other serious transnational crime	COM(2011)281
2011/HOME/036	Proposal for a Council Decision on the signature of the Agreement between the EU and Australia on the transfer and use of PNR data to prevent and combat terrorism and other serious transnational crime	COM(2011)280
2011/HOME/028	Proposal for a Council Decision on the signature of the Agreement between the EU and the US on the transfer and use of PNR data to prevent and combat terrorism and other serious transnational crime	COM(2011)805
2011/HOME/029	Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the EU and the US on the transfer and use of PNR data to prevent and combat terrorism and other serious transnational crime	COM(2011)807
Effective policies		
<i>More effective European law enforcement cooperation</i>		
2009/HOME/007	European Parliament and Council Regulation implementing Article 10 of the United Nations' Firearms Protocol and establishing export authorisation, import and transit measures for firearms, their parts and components and ammunition	COM(2010)273
<i>Statistics</i>		
2011/HOME/024	Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council. European Crime Statistics: Action Plan 2011-2015	COM(2011)713
Protecting against serious and organised crime		
<i>Trafficking in human beings</i>		
2010/HOME/027	Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings, and protecting victims, repealing Framework Decision 2002/629/JHA	COM(2010)94

2009/HOME/262	Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the application of Directive 2004/81/EC on the residence permit issued to third-country nationals who are victims of trafficking in human beings or who have been the subject of an action to facilitate illegal immigration, who cooperate with the competent authorities	COM(2010)493
2011/HOME/216	Decision setting up a group of experts on trafficking in human beings	C(2011)5459
2012/HOME/286	EU Strategy against eradication of trafficking in human beings 2012 - 2016	COM(2012)286
<i>Sexual exploitation of children and child pornography</i>		
2010/HOME/045	Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and the Council on combating the sexual abuse, sexual exploitation of children and child pornography, repealing Framework Decision 2004/68/JHA	COM(2010)95
<i>Cybercrime and Network and Information Security</i>		
2009/HOME/048	Proposal for a Directive on attacks against information systems	COM(2010)517
2012/HOME/004	Communication on a possible European Cybercrime center	COM(2012)140
<i>Economic crime and corruption</i>		
2010/HOME/028	Report of the Commission based on Article 8 of the Council Decision 2007/845/JHA concerning cooperation between Asset Recovery Offices of the Member States in the field of tracing and identification of proceeds from, or other property related to, crime	COM(2011)176
2010/HOME/033	Communication on a comprehensive EU policy against corruption	COM(2011)308
2010/HOME/029	2nd Report from the Commission to the Council on the implementation of the FD 2003/568 on combating corruption in the private sector	COM(2011)309
2011/HOME/108	Commission Decision establishing a reporting mechanism on anti-corruption efforts across the EU	C(2011)3673
2010/HOME/351	Directive on the confiscation and recovery of criminal assets in the EU	COM(2012)085
Terrorism		
2010/HOME/039	Recommendation from the Commission to the Council to authorise the opening of the negotiations with the US on the transfer of financial messaging data for the fight against terrorism	SEC(2010)351
2010/HOME/305	Proposal for a Council Decision on signature of the Agreement between the European Union and the United States of America on the processing and transfer of Financial Messaging Data from the European Union to the United States for purposes of the Terrorist Finance Tracking Program ("TFTP")	COM(2010)317
2010/HOME/306	Proposal for a Council Decision on conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the United States of America on the processing and transfer of Financial Messaging Data from the European Union to the United States for purposes of the Terrorist Finance Tracking Program ("TFTP")	COM(2010)316
2010/HOME/262	Communication from the Commission to the EP and the Council on Evaluation of Counter-Terrorism measures	COM(2010)386
2010/HOME+/025	Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the marketing and use of explosives precursors	COM(2010)473
2011/HOME/193	Communication to the European Parliament and to the Council - A European Terrorist Finance Tracking System: Available Options	COM(2011)4871
Comprehensive and effective EU Disaster Management: reinforcing the EU's capacities to prevent, prepare for and respond to all kinds of dis		
2011/HOME/107	CSWD - Review of Directive 2008/114/EC (critical infrastructures)	SWD(2012)190

Access to Europe in a globalised world		
Integrated management of the external borders		
2010/HOME/001	Revision of the Regulation (EC) No 2007/2004 to establish the Frontex Agency	COM(2010)61
2010/HOME/019	Agency Regulation on the operational management of SIS II and VIS	COM(2012)93
2010/HOME/249	Council regulation on the establishment of an evaluation mechanism to verify the application of the Schengen acquis	COM(2010)633
2010/HOME/008	Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation 562/2006 (Schengen Borders Code) in order to further harmonise specific aspects of border checks	COM(2011)1188

2011/HOME/182	Draft Commission Recommendation amending the Recommendation establishing a common "Practical Handbook for Border Guards (Schengen Handbook) to be used by Member States' competent authorities when carrying out the border control of persons (C(2006)5186 final)	C(2011)3918
2011/HOME/048	Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the development of the Second Generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) Progress Report July 2010 - December 2010	COM(2011)391
2010/HOME/135	Commission Decision amending the SIRENE Manual	C(2011)4574
2011/HOME/242	Proposal for a Regulation of the EP and the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1931/2006 laying down rules on local border traffic at the external land borders of the Member States, including the Kaliningrad area in the eligible border area.	COM(2011)461
2011/HOME/040	Commission Decision on local Schengen cooperation	C(2011)5500
2011/HOME/220	Amended proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of an evaluation mechanism to verify the application of the Schengen acquis	COM(2011)560
2011/HOME/267	Communication on Schengen Governance - responding the exceptional circumstances	COM(2011)561
2011/HOME/219	Schengen: a mechanism for a coordinated and temporary reintroduction of controls, to be added to the Commission proposal on evaluation on Schengen	COM(2011)559
211/HOME/256	Communication on Smart Borders (Entry Exit System and Registered Travellers Programme)	COM(2011)680
2011/HOME/008	Legislative proposal defining the objective, scope and the technical and operational framework of the European Border Surveillance System (EUROSUR)	COM(2011) 873
2011/HOME/274	Com recommendation to the Council to authorise opening of negotiations between EU and Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein to participate in IT agency	COM(2012)76
2011/HOME/198	Regulation on migration from the Schengen Information System to the second generation Schengen Information System	COM(2012)81
2012/HOME/172	Communication from the Council - Bi-annual report on the functioning of the Schengen cooperation	COM(2012)230
2012/HOME/002	SIS II Progress Report	COM(2012)334
Visa policy		
2009/HOME/034	Draft Council Decision on the signature and conclusion of a Visa Facilitation Agreement with Georgia	COM(2010)197
2010/HOME/291	Amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001- visa requirement for the third countries nationals	COM(2010)256
2009/HOME/218	Amendment of Council Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in a possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 851/2005	COM(2010)358
2010/HOME/023	Council Decisions on the signature and conclusion of the Agreements between the European Community and the Federative Republic of Brazil on the short-stay visa waiver	COM(2010)409
2010/HOME/022	Recommendation for mandate in view of opening negotiations for agreement on visa facilitations between EU and the Republic Moldova	SEC(2010)1287
2010/HOME/021	Recommendation for mandate in view of opening negotiations for agreement on visa facilitations between EU and Russia	SEC(2010)1286
2010/HOME/020	Recommendation for mandate in view of opening negotiations for agreement on visa facilitations between EU and Ukraine	SEC(2010)1285
2009/HOME/033	Recommendation for mandate in view of opening negotiations for agreement on visa facilitations between EU and Belarus	SEC(2010)1400
2011/HOME/041	Draft EP and Council Regulation amending Regulation 539/2001	COM(2011)290
2011/HOME/045	Commission Decision amending the Visa Code Handbook - C(2010)1620	C(2011)5501
2011/HOME/043	Commission Decision on technical specifications for travel documents (C(2006)2909)	C(2011)5499
2011/HOME/208	Proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation (EC) of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Community Code on Visas - 810/2009	COM(2011)516
2011/HOME/221	Report on the implementation of the EU-Ukraine Action Plan on Visa Liberalisation	SEC(2011)1076
2011/HOME/222	Report on the implementation of the EU-Republic of Moldova Action Plan on Visa Liberalisation	SEC(2011)1075
2011/HOME/218	Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 establishing a Community Code on Visas (Visa Code)	C(2011)6999
2011/HOME/283	Draft Commission Decision on determining the EU position for a Decision of the Joint Visa Facilitation Committee set up under the Visa Facilitation Agreement between the EU and Georgia	C(2012)888
2011/HOME/53*	Commission decision determining the technical specifications for the consultation mechanism of VIS	C(2012)1301

2012/HOME/204	Commission proposals for Council Decisions on the signature and conclusion of an Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova amending the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Moldova on the facilitation of the issuance of visas	COM(2012)267 COM(2012)268
2012/HOME/042	Report on the implementation by the Republic of Moldova of the Action Plan on Visa Liberalisation	COM(2012)348
2012/HOME/203	Commission proposals for Council Decisions on the signature and conclusion of an Agreement between the European Union and Ukraine amending the Agreement between the European Community and Ukraine on the facilitation of the issuance of visas	COM(2012)256 + 266
2012/HOME/025	Report from the Commission to the Council and European Parliament on the development of the Visa Information System (VIS) in 2011	COM(2012)376
2012/HOME/047	Decision establishing the list of supporting documents to be presented by visa applications in UK (harmonisation Local Schengen Cooperation)	C(2012)4726
2012/HOME/044	Assessment of possible migratory and security impacts of future liberalisation for the Republic of Moldova	COM(2012)443
2012/HOME/049	Commission implementing decision establishing the list of supporting documents to be presented by visa applicants in Chile, Kazakhstan, Nicaragua and Nigeria	C(2012)5310
2012/HOME/039	Third Report on the Post-Visa Liberalisation Monitoring for the Western Balkan Countries in accordance with the Commission statement of 8 Nov 2012	COM(2012)472

Putting solidarity and responsibility at the heart of our response		
A Europe of responsibility, solidarity and partnership in migration and asylum matters		
2011/HOME/037	Second Annual Report on Immigration and Asylum	COM(2011)291
2010/HOME/082	Evaluation of the implementation of the European Pact on Immigration and Asylum	COM(2010)214
2012/HOME/038	Third Annual Report on Immigration and Asylum (2011)	COM(2012)250
A dynamic and comprehensive migration policy		
Consolidating, developing and implementing the EU Global Approach to Migration		
2011/HOME/194	Communication on Migration	COM(2011)248
2011/HOME/195	Communication - A Dialogue for migration, mobility and security with the Southern Mediterranean	COM(2011)292
2011/HOME/019	Communication on Cooperation in the area of JHA within the Eastern Partnership	COM(2011)564
2011/HOME/001	Communication on the evaluation and future development of the Global Approach to Migration and Mobility	COM(2011)743
A concerted policy in keeping with national labour market requirements		
2008/HOME/147	Proposal for a directive on the conditions of entry and residence of seasonal workers	COM(2010)379
2009/HOME/059	Proposal for a directive on the entry, the temporary stay and residence of Intra-Corporate Transferees	COM(2010)379
2011/HOME/042	Commission Decision on resident permits for third country nationals	C(2011)5478
2010/HOME/086	Report from the Commission to the the European Parliament and to the Council on the application of Directive 2004/114/EC on the conditions of admission of third-country nationals for the purposes of studies, pupil exchange, unremunerated training or voluntary service	COM(2011)587
2010/HOME/085	Report from the Commission to the the European Parliament and to the Council on the application of Directive 2003/109/EC on the status of third-country nationals who are long-term residents	COM(2011)585
2012/HOME/198	European Migration Network Development Report	COM(2012)427
Proactive policies for migrants and their rights		
2009/HOME/057	Green paper on Directive 2003/86/EC on the right to family reunification	COM(2011)735
Integration		
2010/HOME/084	Report to the 2010 Ministerial Conference on Integration	SEC(2010)357
2011/HOME/017	Communication on an EU agenda for integration	COM(2011)455
2011/HOME/183	CSWP on an EU initiative supporting the integration of third-country nationals	SEC(2011)957

<i>Effective policies to combat irregular immigration</i>		
2010/HOME/168	Commission Communication to the Council on the evaluation of the EC readmission Agreements concluded so far with third countries	COM(2011)076
2011/HOME/223	Commission proposal for the Council decisions concerning signature and conclusion of the agreement between the EU and Armenia on visa facilitation and readmission	SEC(2011)1047
2011/HOME/234	Commission proposal for the Council decisions concerning signature and conclusion of the agreement between the EU and Azerbaijan on visa facilitation and readmission	SEC(2011)1049
2008/HOME/136	Recommendation from the Commission to the Council in order to authorise the Commission to open negotiations for the conclusion of an agreement between the EU and third countries (Armenia and Azerbaijan) on the facilitation of the issuance of short-stay visas	SEC(2011)1048 + 1050
2012/HOME/183	Council decision concerning the conclusion of the EC-Turkey readmission agreement	COM(2012)239
2012/HOME/182	Council decision concerning the signature of the EC-Turkey readmission agreement	COM(2012)240
<i>Unaccompanied minors</i>		
2010/HOME/083	Commission communication on Action plan on unaccompanied minor migrants	COM(2010)213
Asylum: a common area of protection and solidarity		
<i>A common area of protection</i>		
2011/HOME/199	Arrangements on the participation of Norway, Iceland, Switzerland and Liechtenstein in the European Asylum Support Office	SEC(2011)852 restricted
2011/HOME/246	Annual Report from the Commission to the EP and the Council on the activities of the EURODAC Central Unit in 2010	COM(2011)549
2010/HOME/035	Amended proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the establishment of 'EURODAC' for the comparison of fingerprints for the effective application of Regulation (EC) No [...] [establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an application for international protection lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national or a stateless person]	COM(2010)553
2012/HOME/212	Amended proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council on the establishment of "EURODAC" for the comparison of fingerprints for the effective application of Regulation (EC) No [...] [establishing the criteria and mechanism for determining the Member State responsible for examining an application for international protection lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national or a stateless person] and to request comparisons with EURODAC data by Member States' law enforcement authorities and Europol for law enforcement purposes and amending Regulation (EU) No 1077/2011 establishing a European Agency for the operational management of large-IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice	COM(2012)254
<i>Sharing of responsibilities and solidarity between Member States</i>		
2010/HOME/170	Report from the Commission to the Council and to the European Parliament on the application of directive 2004/83/EC of 29 April 2004 on minimum standards for the qualification and status of third country nationals or stateless persons as refugees or as persons who otherwise need international protection and the content of the protection granted	COM(2010)314
2010/HOME/172	Draft Commission Decision determining the Community Position for a Decision of the Mixed Committee established by the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation concerning the criteria and mechanisms for establishing the State Responsible for examining a request for asylum lodged in a Member State or in Switzerland and the Protocol between the European Community, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein on the accession of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation concerning the criteria and mechanisms for establishing the State responsible for examining a request for asylum lodged in a Member or in Switzerland, with regard to the adoption of its Rules of Procedure	COM(2010)4940
2010/HOME/171	Report from the Commission to the Council and to the European Parliament on the application of Directive 2005/85/EC of 1 December 2005 on minimum standards on procedures in Member States for granting and withdrawing refugee status	COM(2010)465
2011/HOME/186	Directive of the EP and the Council on common procedures for granting and withdrawing international protection status	COM(2011)319
2011/HOME/187	Directive of the EP and the Council on common procedures for laying down standards for the reception of asylum seekers	COM(2011)320
2011/HOME/016	Communication on enhanced intra-EU solidarity	COM(2011)835
<i>The external dimension of asylum</i>		
2012/HOME/175	Communication from the Commission concerning the position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of a proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council of amending Decision no 573/2007/EC establishing the European Refugee Fund for the period 2008 to 2013 as part of the General programme "Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows" and repealing Council Decision 2004/904/EC ("establishment of a Joint EU Resettlement Programme")	COM(2012)110

Other - financing		
2010/HOME/134	Communication on the continuation of the Programmes 'Prevention and Fight against Crime' and 'Prevention, Preparedness and Consequence Management of Terrorism and other Security Related Risks' beyond 2010, to the European Parliament and the Council	COM(2011)318
2010/HOME/135	Interim evaluation report on the Programmes 'Prevention and Fight against Crime' and 'Prevention, Preparedness and Consequence Management of Terrorism and other Security Related Risks' to the Council and the European Parliament	COM(2011)318
2011/HOME/026	Communication: 'Building an open and secure Europe: the home affairs budget for 2014-2020'	COM(2011)749
2011/HOME/261	Proposal for a Regulation laying down general provisions on the Asylum and Migration Fund and the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, crime prevention and the fight against cross-border, serious and organised crime	COM(2011)750
2011/HOME/262	Proposal for a Regulation establishing, as part of the Internal Security Fund, the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa	COM(2011)752
2011/HOME/264	Proposal for a Regulation establishing, as part of the Internal Security Fund, the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime and crisis management	COM(2011)753
2011/HOME/265	Proposal for a draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Asylum and Migration Fund	COM(2011)751

