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Delegations will find attached a copy of the above opinion.

¹ For other available language versions of the opinion, reference is made to the Interparliamentary EU information exchange Internet site (IPEX) at the following address:
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Parlamentul României
Senat

Bucharest, 22 December, 2010

Courtesy translation

OPINION

of the ROMANIAN SENATE, on the

**Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council
on the list of travel documents entitling the holder to cross the external borders and
which may be endorsed with a visa and on setting up a mechanism for establishing this
list**

COM (2010) 662 final

The Senate of Romania has checked the compliance with the subsidiarity and proportionality principles of **the Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the list of travel documents entitling the holder to cross the external borders and which may be endorsed with a visa and on setting up a mechanism for establishing this list- COM (2010) 662 final**, according to the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon (protocol no.2).

Taking into account the report of our permanent Committee on Defence, Public Order and National Security, **the Plenum of the Senate**, during its session of the 22-nd of December 2010, has found that the mentioned proposal, elaborated according to Article 77(2)(e) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), **is compliant with the subsidiarity and proportionality principles**, taking into consideration that the objective of setting up a mechanism to ensure that the list of travel documents issued by third countries is constantly updated, to establish a centralized mechanism for the technical assessment of such travel documents and to ensure that Member States express their position in relation to the recognition or non-recognition of the travel documents, cannot be reasonable reached by the Member States by themselves and does not exceed what is necessary to achieve this objective.

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