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From:	Mr. M. Povejsil, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the European Union
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To:	Mr. T Sotiropoulos, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Hellenic Republic to the European Union

Subject:	Discontinuation of the procedure for an amendment to the Treaties - Protocol on the application of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union to the Czech Republic
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Delegations will find attached copy of a letter from the Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the President of the Committee of the Permanent Representatives relating to the decision of the Czech Government to discontinue the procedure for the addition of a Protocol on the application of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union in the Treaties, pursuant to Article 48(2)-(5) of the TEU.

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Brussels, March 7, 2014

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Dear Theo,

Your Excellency,

As you are well aware, on 5 September 2011 the Czech government submitted to the Council a proposal for the amendment of the Treaties in the form of a Protocol on the application of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union to the Czech Republic ("Protocol"), as agreed in October 2009 by the Heads of State or Government, meeting within the European Council.

The Government of the Czech Republic thoroughly re-examined the Protocol, *inter alia* with due regard to the latest case-law of the Court of Justice of the European Union related to the applicability of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU. On 19 February 2014 the Government adopted a Resolution to discontinue the procedure for the conclusion of the Protocol.

In this regard, I would respectfully ask you to circulate this information among the Permanent Representatives of the Member States of the European Union and, given the fact that on 25 June 2013 the General Affairs Council recommended to the European Council to adopt a decision regarding the Protocol, to take the necessary steps to withdraw this recommendation.

Yours sincerely,

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Martin Povejšil

Cc: Mr Uwe Corsepius, Secretary-General, Council of the European Union
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