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**Mr. Victor Engmark**

**Subject: Your comments on the European Interoperability Framework and/or the European Interoperability Strategy**

**Reference:** Your message to Vice-President Almunia (via web contact form), dated 29 March 2010

Thank you for your above-mentioned message. Please note that the European Interoperability Framework (EIF) and the European Interoperability Strategy (EIS) are both in the portfolio of Vice-President Šefčovič, who has asked me to reply to your message.

I assume that your comments refer mainly to the ongoing revision of the EIF, which falls under the responsibility of my department.

The revision process and all documents related to it are publicly available<sup>1</sup>. During the public consultation in 2008, a wide variety of opinions were brought to the attention of the Commission and you can find all these opinions via the webpage referenced above. At present, in close contact with the Member States and all relevant Commission services, my department is finalising the revision.

Recently, "draft versions" of the revised EIF have apparently been published on the Internet and we understand that you refer to these draft versions. You should note that the Commission cannot comment on such draft versions as they do not reflect a formal Commission position. But let me assure you that the guiding principles for the revision of the EIF include technological neutrality and adaptability, openness and reusability, as specified in the legal base of the Programme "Interoperability Solutions for European Public Administrations" (ISA)<sup>2</sup>, in the context of which the revision is being carried out.

<sup>1</sup> <http://ec.europa.eu/idabc/en/document/7728>

<sup>2</sup> <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2009:260:0020:0027:EN:PDF>

You may wish to visit the Open Source Observatory and Repository (OSOR)<sup>3</sup> or the Semantic Interoperability in Europe (SEMIC)<sup>4</sup> websites to see examples on how we bring these principles into practice.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Francisco García Morán', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Francisco GARCÍA MORÁN

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.osor.eu>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.semic.eu>