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MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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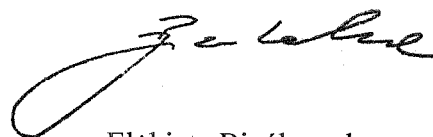
Dear Minister

As part of the package of measures the Commission is proposing to address the present asylum crisis, the Commission has adopted today a *Communication on Public Procurement rules in connection with the current asylum crisis*.

The objective of the Communication is to explain various possibilities under the applicable EU public procurement rules to meet urgent needs.

We hope that this interpretative Communication may be of assistance. Our services stand ready to provide further guidance to the contracting authorities in case of need.

Yours faithfully,



Elżbieta Bieńkowska