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Dear Ms Katschinka,

Thank you for your letter of 1 June 2011 and for the consistent support your organisation has provided to the initiatives taken by the European Commission in the field of procedural rights. It is with great satisfaction that the Commission welcomed, in October last year, the adoption of Directive 2010/64/EU on the right to interpretation and translation in criminal proceedings, the first EU Directive ever in the area of criminal justice.

The Commission, in its role as guardian of the Treaties, will deploy all the necessary resources to make sure that this legislation is fully transposed and implemented by all Member States within the deadline set in the Directive. I have taken good note of your project and wish to congratulate you and your organisation on such valuable, concrete steps towards this goal. The involvement of all relevant stakeholders is indeed essential if the rights conferred by the Directive are to become effective for all citizens.

I would like, therefore, to lend my full support to your project and to offer, besides the financial aid EULITA receives from the JPEN Programme, the participation of officials in directorate-General Justice in your workshops in order to address the issue of transposition with the experts from the Member States.

I also wish expressly to endorse the TRAFUT project and would be happy if you would disclose my endorsement to experts, participants and any other stakeholders.

While thanking you once again for your excellent co-operation, I wish you success for your project.

Yours sincerely,



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