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Dear Ministers,

### **MID-TERM REVIEW OF THE STOCKHOLM PROGRAMME**

At the Justice and Home Affairs Council meeting tomorrow, the Cyprus presidency is expected to contribute to the mid-term review of implementation of the Stockholm Programme, the five-year programme defining the EU's priorities in freedom, security and justice, by submitting a progress assessment.

Amnesty International would like to take this opportunity to offer some comments and recommendations on developments in some of the policy areas we have been monitoring, bearing in mind the political priority set by the Council three years ago: "The area of freedom, security and justice, must, above all, be a single area in which fundamental rights are protected." (emphasis added)

In the attached briefing please find our main concerns on the following policy areas:

- Asylum/Migration
- Fundamental rights/Citizenship of the EU
- EU accession to the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR)
- Vulnerable groups
- Criminal law
- Cooperation in the area of Internal Security
- A Reinforced external dimension

We should naturally be happy to provide any further information you might require.

Yours sincerely,

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