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Mr. Jesper Lunde

Thank you very much for your letter of 28 April 2006 regarding the Commission Green Paper on a European Programme for Critical Infrastructure Protection (EPCIP).

The protection of critical infrastructures in the EU will be achieved by providing a common framework (EPCIP) with a view to ensuring adequate levels of protective security on a critical infrastructure sector-by-sector based approach aiming at minimal single points of failure and rapid, tested recovery arrangements throughout the EU.

The EPCIP Green Paper has proved to be a useful instrument in terms of aiding the launch of national discussions concerning critical infrastructure protection and the Commission is very grateful for the Danish Parliament's positive response to the consultation process.

The primary responsibility for protecting critical infrastructures should fall on the Member States and owners/operators acting under a common EPCIP framework. The responsibility and accountability of owners and operators to make their own decisions and plans for protecting their own assets should not change.

Note ved omdeling i REU

Der henvises om REU's behandling af sagen til REU alm. del – bilag 208, 312, 458 og svar på spm. 193 og 289

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The Commission proposal for EPCIP will be put forward in 2006 and will create an overall framework for the protection of critical infrastructures in Europe.

In addition, EPCIP will be complemented by a Commission proposal in 2006 for a Critical Infrastructure Warning Information Network (CIWIN) which will stimulate the development of appropriate protection measures by facilitating an exchange of best practices in a secure manner.

Best regards
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