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Dear Minister,

I would like to draw your attention to the public consultation on the EU summertime arrangements published on 4th July 2018 under the following link: https://ec.europa.eu/info/consultations/2018-summertime-arrangements_en.

This consultation, which will run until 16th August 2018, has the objective of gathering the views of European citizens, stakeholders and Member States on the current EU summertime arrangements and on any potential change to those arrangements.

By launching the public consultation, the Commission follows up on the European Parliament's resolution of February, asking the Commission to conduct a thorough assessment of the Summertime Directive (Directive 2000/84/EC), and on Finland's and Lithuania's requests to abandon or review the current system.

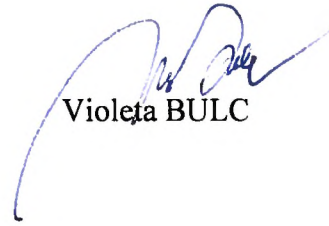
Available evidence suggests that common rules in this area are critical to ensure the proper functioning of the internal market. There are two alternatives to ensure such a harmonised regime, which are:

1. Keeping the current EU summertime arrangements as set out in the Summertime Directive; or
2. Discontinuing the current bi-annual time changes for all Member States and prohibiting periodic time switches; this would not affect the choice of time zone, which would remain in the competence of Member States.

The Commission is open to considering a review of the current arrangements according to the second alternative, provided that there is a clear majority around this alternative. I would therefore like to invite you to inform me of your preference at your earliest convenience, and to instruct your services to reply to the questions of the public consultation before 16th August 2018.

My cabinet (member in charge: Silke Obst, silke.obst@ec.europa.eu) remains at your disposal for any question you or your services may have on this topic.

Yours faithfully,



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