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*Mr Milan ŠTĚCH  
President of the Senát  
Valdštejnské náměstí 17/4  
CZ – 118 01 PRAGUE*

*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Senát for its Opinion on the Commission's Green Paper on a European Strategy on Plastic Waste in the Environment {COM(2013) 123 final}.*

*The Commission highly appreciates the Senát's contribution and will consider it in its future work. The Commission is pleased that the Senát welcomes the Commission Green paper and its main lines. The Commission has taken good note of the Senát's concerns about a possible landfill ban for plastic waste.*

*The public consultation launched by the Commission was closed on 7 June 2013 and more than 270 replies mainly from industry organisations, Member States, regional and local administrations and NGOs were received. On 30 September 2013, the Commission held a conference on "The role of plastic and plastic waste in a circular economy" in Brussels<sup>1</sup>.*

*The Commission has published a summary report about the results of the consultation process<sup>2</sup>. Information on any follow-up action will be made available on our website<sup>3</sup> to keep the public informed.*

*The Commission welcomes the Senát's support to this initiative and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

*Maroš Šefčovič  
Vice-President*

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<sup>1</sup> The final agenda, information about the speakers and most presentations made are available on the following website: <http://www.euconf.eu/plasticwaste2013/en/registration/index.html>.

<sup>2</sup> [http://ec.europa.eu/environment/consultations/plastic\\_waste\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/consultations/plastic_waste_en.htm)

<sup>3</sup> [http://ec.europa.eu/environment/waste/plastic\\_waste.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/waste/plastic_waste.htm)