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Mrs Elsa PAPADEMETRIOU

Chairwoman of the Special Standing
Committee on European Affairs of the
Hellenic Parliament

Dear Mrs Papademetriou,

The European Commission would like to thank the Greek Parliament for having examined the Green Paper on the management of bio-waste in the EU {COM(2008)811} and for having provided its opinion on the issue in the letter sent to Commissioner Dimas on 13 of March 2009. This opinion constitutes valuable input to the consultation process and will be examined in depth.

The European Commission would like to stress the consultative nature of the paper in question and would like to inform the Greek Parliament that it will present a summary on the results of the public consultation as well as it will announce the likely next steps.

The European Commission has taken note of the position submitted by the Greek Parliament, in particular of the opinions regarding a possible limiting of landfilling, treatment options for bio-waste diverted from landfill (including the need for community multi-criteria cost-benefit analysis guide) and possible contributions to soil improvement.

The deep engagement of the Greek Parliament in providing comprehensive and focused comments to the Green Paper initiative is highly appreciated.

The European Commission will keep the Greek Parliament informed about the further development of an EU-wide strategy on bio-waste and is looking forward to a more detailed discussion of the issue in due course.

Yours sincerely

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Vice-President of the European Commission