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Dear President,

The Commission thanks the Italian Senate for having sent, via letter of your Secretary General, the text of the resolution adopted on 2 March 2010 regarding the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - Strengthening the global approach to migration: increasing coordination, coherence and synergies {COM (2008)611}.

The European Commission appreciates the support which the Senate expresses through that resolution for the proposals made by the Commission to strengthen the Global approach to migration, and appreciates the encouragement the Senate sends to the Italian Government to cooperate accordingly with the other EU Member States, as well as with the countries of origin and transit of migration.

I would like to thank you also for having sent to us the text of the two motions adopted by the Italian Senate jointly with that resolution.

These motions make proposals and draw attention to issues on which the European Commission is currently working. For instance, they underline the need to better share within the EU the burden generated by the irregular migration flows reaching the external borders of the European Union, and to promote not only a security oriented approach but also to address the root causes of migration and the links between migration and development. They also underline the need to give more importance to the integration of

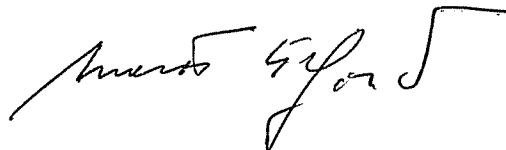
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the regular immigrants, to develop migration profiles of both the sending and destination countries, and to shape more efficient procedures for managing legal migration.

Let me assure you that the Senate's motions will therefore contribute to inspire the European Commission in its work on these issues.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Antonio Guterres". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'A' and a distinct 'G'.