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Presidente
Senato della Repubblica
Piazza Madama, 1
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Dear President,

On behalf of the European Commission, I would like to thank you for the comments of the Italian Senate on the Political Agreement reached on 14 March 2011¹ regarding the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) (Recast) – COM(2008)810. Based on this Political Agreement, the Council adopted a Common Position on 19 July 2011².

The Commission has on 11 August 2011 with COM(2011)478 adopted a Communication pursuant to Article 294(6) of the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union concerning the position of the Council on the adoption of a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE)³. The Communication concluded that the Commission cannot accept the Council's position in its entirety.

The observations by the Italian Senate relate to a Council text that has not been accepted by the Commission. The Commission is grateful for the observations provided by the Italian Senate, and will take them into due consideration for the second reading of the Directive.

Yours faithfully,

Maroš Šefčovič
Vice-President

¹ The text is available at <http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/11/st07/st07851.en11.pdf>

² The text is available at <http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/11/st07/st07906-re02.en11.pdf>

³ The text is available at <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2011:0478:FIN:EN:PDF>