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Dear President,

The Commission welcomes the interest of the Austrian Nationalrat in the Communication "Towards a Single Market Act: 50 proposals for improving our work, business and exchanges with one another {COM(2010)608 final} and is grateful for the Nationalrat's detailed opinion.

Following the conclusion of a four-month wide-ranging public debate on the Communication, the Commission adopted on 13 April 2011 a final Communication on the "Single Market Act. Twelve levers to boost growth and strengthen confidence. Working together to create new growth" {COM(2011)467 final}. The Communication was prepared by taking into account the contributions received during the debate, including from the Nationalrat. These contributions will be valuable for the formulation and adoption of the individual policy and legislative initiatives included in the Commission's Communication.

The Single Market Act has identified twelve priority areas ('levers') and a key action was selected for each of them. Their adoption by the end of 2012 will be a fundamental contribution to boosting growth, creating jobs and reinforcing citizens' confidence in the single market. For each 'lever' other important actions are also included, to ensure coherent and comprehensive policy action. The Single Market Act also attaches great importance to the governance of the single market and to the implementation of existing and future legislation.

The Single Market Act aims to generate sustainable, smart and inclusive growth, based on a highly competitive social market economy, and includes a lever on social cohesion, an aspect that your Communication also refers to as important.

The Commission will have adopted all the necessary proposals within the next few weeks and will work in partnership with the European Parliament and Council for the adoption of the twelve key actions in order to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the single market in a concrete and dynamic way.

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You can find the text of the Single Market Act communication and related information at this Internet page of the European Commission:

http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/smact/index_en.htm

I am looking forward to further developing our policy dialogue.

Yours faithfully,

*Maroš Šefčovič
Vice-President*