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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Bundesrat for its Opinion concerning the Commission Communication "Together towards competitive and resource-efficient urban mobility" {COM (2013) 913 final}.

The Commission welcomes the positive reaction of the Bundesrat to this initiative of the Commission in the field of urban mobility. It appears that there is broad agreement on the goals as well as the strategic approach presented by the Commission for complementary and coordinated action at EU level and in the Member States in this important area of transport policy.

The Bundesrat suggests that the recommendations put forward in the Commission Communication are primarily aimed at urban areas which fall behind the European average. The Commission confirms that closing present gaps between better and less-performing urban areas is an important objective. At the same time, the Commission considers that there is great potential for improving further the quality and sustainability of urban mobility also in those urban areas that are performing relatively well already today.

The Commission notes the support of the Bundesrat for action in specific areas such as urban mobility planning, urban logistics, the deployment of solutions for urban Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) and in the area of urban road safety.

In this context, the Commission notes the Bundesrat's support for more coordination in the implementation of urban access restriction schemes, in particular as regards the harmonised marking/identification of the vehicles covered by such schemes.

The Commission also takes note of the opposition of the Bundesrat to the introduction of new or additional criteria for access to relevant EU funding opportunities. However, the Commission will continue to explore how to reach common objectives in the area of urban mobility.

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The Commission hopes that these clarifications address the issues raised by the Bundesrat and looks forward to continuing our political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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