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*Ms Barbara PRAMMER
President of the Nationalrat
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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Nationalrat for its Opinion concerning the negotiations for a Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership. The Commission has taken good note of the Nationalrat's call for enhanced transparency and public involvement in the negotiations.

The Commission is working to be as open as possible as it negotiates a Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) with the United States. It is making unprecedented efforts by consulting and updating the public across Europe directly, involving Members of the European Parliament and national governments at every stage of the negotiations, hearing from outside experts representing a wide range of interests and sharing as many documents as possible, including its initial position papers. As part of these ongoing efforts, the Commission has also recently launched a public consultation on investor protection and investor-state dispute settlement open to all EU citizens.

All communication and outreach activities carried out by the Commission are described in a recent factsheet available on the Commission's website¹.

The Commission fully shares the belief that the information and consultation of interested stakeholders is an essential element of TTIP negotiations. Therefore, the Commission would like to reassure the Nationalrat that it will continue to make all necessary efforts in order to reach out, listen and improve the transparency of the negotiating process.

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

Yours faithfully,

*Maroš Šefčovič
Vice-President*

¹ (http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2014/march/tradoc_152276.pdf)