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Dear President,

The European Commission would like to thank the Czech Senate for having examined the Green Paper on forest protection and information {COM(2010) 66} and for having provided its opinion on the issue. This opinion constitutes valuable input to the consultation process and will be examined in depth.

The European Commission would like to stress the consultative nature of the paper in question and would like to inform the Czech Senate that it will present to the Standing Forestry Committee a summary report on the results of the ongoing public consultation in which it will also announce the likely next steps.

The views expressed in the 555th resolution of the Czech Senate, in particular as regards the role that the EU could have in obtaining and analysing forest data and in defining which information is necessary to gather at EU level are highly appreciated.

The European Commission is looking forward to a more detailed discussion of the issue in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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