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Dear President,

The Commission welcomes the interest of the Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Republic 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 submission of the Chamber's opinion on the Communication.

Following the conclusion of a wide-ranging four-month 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 taking into account the valuable contributions received during the debate, including from the Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Republic, which will also contribute to the formulation and adoption of the individual policy and legislative initiatives included in the Communication.

The Single Market Act identified twelve priority areas ('levers'). In each of these priority areas, one key action, making a fundamental contribution to boosting growth, creating jobs and reinforcing citizens' confidence in the single market, has been proposed. In order to ensure a full set of coherent and comprehensive policy actions, each 'lever' is complemented by additional important regulatory actions.

The Commission will adopt the necessary proposals before the end of 2011 and will work in partnership with the European Parliament and Council for the adoption of the twelve key actions by the end of 2012 in order to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Single Market in a concrete and dynamic manner.

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 Commission very much welcomes the emphasis of the Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Republic on this point. The Single Market Act devotes a full chapter to effective governance as a prerequisite for success.

Concerning the points raised in the resolution on specific actions, the Commission will take them into account in the preparation of the related proposals and policy initiatives,

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which will be developed according to the principles of Smart Regulation and accompanied by impact assessments where applicable. The Commission obviously stands ready to provide further information and clarifications, if required, as part of the ongoing political dialogue with national parliaments.

As regards in particular the comments raised by the Chamber of Deputies concerning the common consolidated corporate tax base, I take note of your concern and would like to confirm that the Commission will reply shortly in detail to the separate opinion received from your Chamber on that particular proposal.

I am looking forward to continuing our policy dialogue on this and other matters.

Yours faithfully,

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