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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Senát for its Opinion concerning the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and the Council on roaming on public mobile communications networks within the Union {COM(2011) 402 final} and apologises for the extremely long delay in replying.*

*The Commission welcomes your support for the objectives of this proposal, inter alia promoting competition, facilitating the entry of new players and increasing consumer choice.*

*The co-legislators reached an agreement in first reading. The new Regulation was finally adopted by the European Parliament on 10 May 2012 and by the Council on 30 May 2012 and it has entered into force on 1 July 2012. The new Regulation will ensure consumers to benefit of lower voice, SMS and data roaming price caps introducing, at the same time, a number of structural measures, such a possibility for roaming customers, as of 1 July 2014, to select their roaming provider separately from their domestic provider, which will enhance competition on the EU roaming market.*

*The specific points raised by the Senát were indeed discussed in the context of the negotiations, in particular as regards decoupling. The Commission agrees that the measures taken at EU level should not increase prices for the end-users. The introduction of new price caps and the potential increase in effective competition once structural remedies are fully implemented mean that there is no risk of price increases for end-users. As to the delay for laying down rules on penalties applicable to infringements of the Roaming Regulation, these were discussed and agreed by the European Parliament and the Council. Similar provisions on penalties were already present in previous Roaming Regulations.*

*The Commission hopes that these explanations serve to clarify the concerns raised in your opinion and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue with the Senát.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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