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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Senát for its Opinion on the Proposal on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) 2014-2020 {COM(2011) 608 final} and apologises for the delay in replying.

The EGF is an expression of solidarity at the European level, assisting Member States at their request in coping with the unforeseen effects of globalisation. It has been established to provide one-off, time-limited, personalised support to redundant workers who share a common dismissal background so that they find another job as quickly as possible. In doing so, it complements, but does not replace, the overall, long-term-oriented actions and policies implemented through the cohesion policy tools, in particular those of the European Social Fund (ESF).

The Commission considers that the extension of the scope of the EGF to include additional categories of workers (in particular farmers) would be a means for the EU to further demonstrate solidarity with sectors facing potential negative impacts of free trade agreements. The targeted, one off support farmers could obtain with the EGF would be complementary to the general, structural support provided by the Common Agricultural Policy.

The Commission will shortly be transmitting the mid-term evaluation of the effectiveness and sustainability of the results obtained by the EGF to the various European institutions and stakeholders. I hope that the results obtained so far will convince the Senát of the value added of this Fund.

I look forward to continuing the political dialogue with the Senát.

Yours faithfully,

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