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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Senát for its opinion on the Green Paper "Lighting the Future – accelerating the deployment of innovative lighting technologies" {COM(2011) 889 final} and apologises for the delay in replying.

The Commission welcomes the Senát's support to new policy initiatives for a wider deployment of innovative high quality lighting technologies, which would contribute to the Union's 20-20-20 energy saving goals.

The Commission takes particular note of the following points:

- The importance of encouraging new business models promoting highly energy-efficient lighting systems and services based on innovative lighting technologies.*
- The need to monitor the evolution of lighting technologies and to further support European lighting industry by investing at European level in research and innovation on Solid State Lighting (SSL).*
- The need to address potential barriers for the broader uptake of innovative lighting technologies by European consumers, in particular high purchase costs and insufficient quality of some early SSL products on the European market.*
- The importance of creating further awareness amongst consumers and professional users on innovative lighting technologies, their potential benefits and respective quality criteria, and the role industry can play to making it happen.*
- The need for further exchange of information between Member States on testing and verification of SSL lighting products and the wide dissemination of their findings.*

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As stated in the Green Paper, the Commission will reflect on appropriate actions and further measures to address these issues as part of the analysis of all contributions received through the public consultation.

The Commission hopes that the Senát will continue to support work on the Digital Agenda for Europe¹ in the Czech Republic and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue with the Senát in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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¹ COM(2010)245, http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/digital-agenda