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Mr Milan ŠTĚCH
President of the Senát
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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Senát for its Opinion concerning the European Commission's Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2003/87/EC clarifying provisions on the timing of auctions of greenhouse gas allowances {COM(2012) 416 final} and apologises for the delay in replying.

The Commission agrees that predictability for low-carbon investments is an important feature of a robust EU ETS.

With regard to the abovementioned amendment to Directive 2003/87/EC, the Commission would like to underline that the purpose of this proposal is to clarify the scope of the Commission's powers with regard to an adaptation of the auction timetable laid down in Commission Regulation (EU) No 1031/2010. Any amendment to this Regulation, however, will be subject to scrutiny by Member States' experts in the Climate Change Committee. Accordingly, the Committee will be invited to give its opinion on the Commission's proposal.

The Commission agrees that analysing the impacts of any measure affecting the carbon market is important. The Commission's proposal was thus accompanied by an impact assessment¹ analysing the impacts of back-loading 900 million allowances at EU level. The results of this analysis are generally considered to be representative at Member State level. A dedicated analysis per Member State of this measure is, however, challenging. Yet, where possible, in particular with regard to the impact on revenues from auctioning for Member States, the Commission has provided relevant information to Member States and remains committed to do so in the future.

The Commission hopes that these clarifications address the concerns raised by the Senát and looks forward to continuing our political dialogue.

Yours faithfully,

Maroš Šefčovič
Vice-President

¹ http://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/ets/cap/auctioning/docs/20121112_swd_en.pdf