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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Senát for its Opinion on the Single Market Act II {COM(2012) 573 final} and apologises for the delay in replying.*

*Freeing up the remaining growth, job and confidence potential of the Single Market is indeed a main priority for the Commission and a fundamental pillar of the EU2020 strategy which permeates its work across all EU policies. The support of the Senát is valuable for the implementation of the Single Market Acts.*

*With the Single Market Acts I and II, presented on 13 April 2011 and 3 October 2012, the Commission has put forward 24 priority actions the swift adoption and implementation of which can bring practical benefits to citizens, businesses and public administrations. The Single Market Act I has been a successful vehicle in speeding up action at EU level and reinforcing political ownership among EU and Member State institutions. The Single Market Act II shares the same philosophy.*

*The four areas (networks, cross-border mobility, digital economy and social entrepreneurship) which are prioritised in the Senát's Opinion are indeed crucial to the development of the Single Market. Within these areas, several legislative initiatives from the Commission remain to be adopted by the co-legislators. The Commission relies on the support from Member States to ensure swift adoption, transposition and actual implementation of these legislative initiatives.*

*The Commission shares the views of the Senát on the importance of the free movement of services for growth and jobs. Around 90% of the services industry being already covered by EU rules, the Commission's priority is to ensure a better implementation of the Services Directive to maximize its potential economic benefits. To achieve this objective, the Commission has adopted an ambitious strategy in June 2012 which has received the full support of the European Council. Its successful implementation relies on a close cooperation with the Member States. The Commission has the hope that it can count on the support of the Senát for this purpose.*

*Finally, regarding the priority expressed in the opinion on the support of the digital economy, the Spring European Council has invited the Commission to present a Report ahead of the October European Council on the state of play on remaining barriers to the*

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*completion of the digital single market by 2015. The Commission will give this work its full attention.*

*The Commission hopes that the comments address the issues raised by the Senát and looks forward to pursuing our political dialogue in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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Vice-President*