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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Senát for its Opinion on the Commission proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council establishing the Copernicus Programme and repealing Regulation (EU) No. 911/2010 {COM(2013) 312 final}. The interest of the Senát in this important matter is appreciated by the Commission, which has taken note of the Senát's position.

The decision to include the financing of the Copernicus programme in the European Union budget was taken by the European Council in February 2013. Even if the proposed budget is lower than originally envisaged, the Commission is working with all stakeholders to elaborate a meaningful and updated deployment plan of the infrastructure.

Furthermore, the proposed regulation establishing the Copernicus programme will be adopted in accordance with the currently on-going ordinary legislative procedure. Consequently, the governance and management of the programme would depend on the outcome of this process, which is now in the hands of the European Parliament and the Council.

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

Yours faithfully,

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