



## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Senát for its Opinion on the Joint Communication of the European Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the Review of the European Neighbourhood Policy {JOIN(2015) 50 final}.*

*The Commission welcomes the Senát's support for the ambitions and principles of the review, which proposes how the EU and its neighbours can build more effective partnerships. A democratic, stable and prosperous neighbourhood is a strategic priority and a fundamental interest for the EU.*

*In particular, the Commission notes the Senát's position on the regional dimension of the European Neighbourhood Policy, both Southern and Eastern. The reviewed ENP will continue to build on existing regional cooperation formats, the Eastern Partnership and the Union for the Mediterranean, which have proven to be valuable fora for cooperation and discussion.*

*According to the proposals made by the Joint Communication referred to above, work is ongoing on the implementation of the review of the ENP and further discussions will take place with Member States, as well as with partner countries and their civil societies, for instance on the proposal to discuss new partnership priorities.*

*The Commission looks forward to continuing the political dialogue with the Senát and remains ready to provide further clarifications should they be needed.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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