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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Senát for its Opinion on the proposal for a Interinstitutional Proclamation of the European Pillar of Social Rights {COM(2017) 251 final} and the Reflection paper on the social dimension of Europe {COM(2017) 206 final}.

The favourable assessment by the Senát of the proposal, including the principles and rights included in the Pillar of Social Rights, offers an excellent basis for taking forward together the implementation of this initiative.

In addition, the Commission would like to reassure the Senát that this initiative respects the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality. The Pillar of Social Rights is not about harmonising employment, education, social protection or health care policies. It is designed as a compass for a renewed process of convergence.

In respect of the Reflection paper on the social dimension of Europe, the Commission wishes to clarify that the possible scenarios presented in the paper are not meant to limit the debate. The scenarios merely aim at illustrating possibilities.

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

Yours faithfully,

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