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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Senát for its Opinion on the Commission Communication on a "European One Health Action Plan against Antimicrobial Resistance" {COM(2017) 339 final}.

This Action Plan aims to support the European Union and its Member States in delivering innovative, effective and sustainable responses to antimicrobial resistance - a growing threat that is responsible for 25,000 deaths and a loss of EUR 1.5 billion in the European Union every year. The Action Plan will also strategically reinforce the research agenda on antimicrobial resistance and enable the Union to actively promote global action and play a leading role in the fight against antimicrobial resistance. Its overarching goal is to preserve the possibility of effective treatment of infections in humans and animals by providing a framework for continued, more extensive action to reduce the emergence and spread of antimicrobial resistance and to increase the development and availability of new effective antimicrobials inside and outside the Union.

The Action Plan contains concrete actions with European Union added value that the Commission will develop and strengthen as appropriate in the coming years for a more integrated, comprehensive and effective approach to combating antimicrobial resistance, while respecting the limits of European Union competence and bearing in mind that Member States remain primarily responsible for the definition of their health policies.

The Commission welcomes the Senát's call to the Czech Government for action completing the work on the Commission's Action Plan against Antimicrobial Resistance and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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