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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Senát for its Opinion on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social the Committee and the Committee of the Regions — A new EU framework on urban mobility {COM(2021) 811 final}.

This Communication forms part of a broader package of ambitious measures on green and efficient mobility adopted by the Commission in December 2021. The aim is to support the transition to safe, accessible, inclusive, smart, resilient and zero-emission urban mobility with a clear focus on active, collective and shared mobility underpinned by low- and zero-emission solutions.

The Commission welcomes the support of the Senát for the initiative, in particular for the emphasis placed on strengthening public transport and active mobility and on efforts to standardise sustainable urban mobility indicators across European cities.

The Commission agrees with the Senát that an appropriate communication and support campaign, as well as public education on sustainable mobility are essential for the effective implementation of sustainable urban mobility plans. Moreover, in a long-term perspective, it is necessary to link mobility to spatial planning, with an emphasis on planning compact settlements centred around public transport stations for the implementation of sustainable urban mobility and the reduction of CO₂ emissions.

The Commission also notes the Senát's position regarding the needs to define the set of sustainable urban mobility indicators and elaborate on the next steps. The Commission would like to clarify that the evaluation of the 2013 Urban Mobility Package concluded that urban mobility data collection and availability is of insufficient quality and requires more effort in particular from Member States. This has been also acknowledged by the European Court of Auditors in its Special Report 06/2020, which recommended the

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Commission to take appropriate steps. To address these findings, the Commission has proposed in its proposal for a revised TEN-T Regulation, requirements for the European Union urban nodes for the most relevant urban mobility indicators, in line with the European Union climate, transport and social objectives. The methodology of these indicators will be detailed in the subsequent implementing act, following the adoption of the revised TEN-T Regulation. In addition, the Commission would like to highlight that in 2023 it will launch a programme support action under the Connecting Europe Facility to support the collection of data for harmonised urban mobility indicators.

The Commission equally notes the Senát's concerns with respect to the possible inconsistency between the definition of the urban node in the proposal for a revised TEN-T Regulation that limits it to the administrative boundaries of the city, and the approach presented in the European Union framework on urban mobility. In this respect, the Commission would like to clarify that the functional urban areas are addressed in the proposed revision of the TEN-T Regulation. In particular, the related definitions of urban nodes and sustainable urban mobility plans in Article 3 clearly specify that the urban node concept under TEN-T focuses on the wider functional urban area, including its commuting zones.

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

Yours faithfully,

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