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Dear Ms Meldgaard,

The European Commission would like to thank the Danish Parliament for having examined the Green Paper on forest protection and information {COM(2010) 66} and for having provided its opinion on the issue. This opinion constitutes valuable input to the consultation process and will be examined in depth.

The European Commission would like to stress the consultative nature of the paper in question and would like to inform the Danish Parliament that it will present to the Standing Forestry Committee a summary report on the results of the ongoing public consultation in which it will also announce the likely next steps.

With respect to the comments made at this stage by the Committee on Environment and Planning and by the European Committee of the Danish Parliament, the European Commission has taken note of the Committee's view that the forest action plan should be updated after the expiration in 2011 of the current plan. It is also noted that, in the Committees' opinion, it is important that the future common EU action will be more coordinated and built on science-based common criteria concerning the reporting about forest structure and functions within the Natura 2000 areas but also paying attention to invasive species and to the important role forests play for the biodiversity.

The views expressed by part of the Committees, in particular as regards the reflections about the need for a reinforced action at the EU level in order to strengthen the protection of forests as well as for having common sustainability biomass criteria, are highly appreciated.

The European Commission is looking forward to a more detailed discussion of the issue in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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