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Dear Ms Kjer Hansen,

The Commission welcomes the interest of the Folketing in the Communication "Towards a Single Market Act: 50 proposals for improving our work, business and exchanges with one another" {COM(2010)608 final} and is grateful for the submission of its opinion on the Communication. The Commission also supports the Folketing's focus on re-launching the Single Market during its COSAC presidency in the first half of 2012.

Following the conclusion of a four-month wide-ranging public debate on the Communication, the Commission adopted on 13 April 2011 a final Communication on the "Single Market Act. Twelve levers to boost growth and strengthen confidence. Working together to create new growth" {COM(2011)467 final}. The Communication was prepared by taking into account the contributions received during the debate, including from your Parliament. These contributions will also be valuable for the formulation and adoption of the individual policy and legislative initiatives included in the Communication.

The Single Market Act has identified twelve priority areas ('levers') and a key action was selected for each of them. Their adoption by the end of 2012 will boost growth, create jobs and reinforce citizen's confidence in the single market. For each 'lever' other important actions are also included, to ensure coherent and comprehensive policy action.

The Commission will present the necessary proposals before the end of 2011 and will work in partnership with the European Parliament and Council for the adoption of the twelve key actions in order to celebrate the 20^{th} anniversary of the single market in a concrete and dynamic way.

The Single Market Act also attaches great importance to the governance of the single market and to the implementation and respect of existing and future legislation, and welcomes the emphasis put by the European Affairs Committee of the Danish Parliament

Ms Eva Kjer Hansen Chairperson of the European Affairs Committee Folketinget Christiansborg DK – 1240 Copenhagen on this point. The Single Market Act devotes a full chapter on governance aspects as preconditions for success.

I am looking forward to further developing our policy dialogue.

Yours faithfully,

Maroš Šefčovič Vice-President