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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Folketing for its opinion on the Green Paper on the distribution of audiovisual works in the European Union: opportunities and challenges towards a digital single market {COM(2011) 427 final}. Through this consultation the Commission is seeking to identify whether – and if so which – measures are needed to improve the availability of digital audiovisual offers in the Single Market.

The Green Paper consultation closed on 18 November. More than 200 contributions have been received for publication. These can be viewed on the Commission's website at:

http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/consultations/2011/audiovisual_en.htm

The Commission shares the view that European products should reach a wider audience and achieve their full potential; that online distribution of audiovisual works should promote culture and creativity in Europe; and that there should be a minimum of barriers to trade, with a view to reducing pirate copying, which will benefit both copyright-holders and consumers.

The Commission is currently undertaking a thorough evaluation of all responses submitted and will present a report on the outcome of the consultation in the course of 2012. The Commission will keep National Parliaments duly informed about any developments concerning this file. We look forward to continuing the open and constructive dialogue with the Folketing, whilst apologising for the delay in the transmission of our reply.

Yours faithfully,

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