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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Folketing for its Opinion on the Green Paper "Lighting the Future – accelerating the deployment of innovative lighting technologies" {COM(2011) 889 final}.

The Commission takes particular note of the following points:

- The efforts that Denmark has made in recent years to support with public funding research, development and innovation (RDI), as well as dissemination and awareness campaigns, in the area of Solid State Lighting (SSL).
- The importance of having good-quality lighting products in the market which consumers can trust.
- The importance of implementing effective market surveillance measures at EU Member States' level and in particular their mutual cooperation in this field, including on verification and testing, in order to reduce the related costs.
- The need for the European lighting industry to further engage in RDI to improve the efficiency and quality of SSL products, with particular attention to designing luminaires which support effective heat dissipation.
- The importance of creating further awareness amongst consumers on innovative lighting technologies and their potential benefits and the need to develop appropriate educational material for consumers at EU level.
- The efforts Denmark has made to reduce the landlord-tenant conflict by providing incentives both to landlords and tenants to replace inefficient lighting with more energy efficient solutions.
- The leading role the public sector can play to put in place demonstration projects for energy efficient SSL.
- The need to support under the next research framework programme of the EU (Horizon 2020) RDI activities in SSL which have a clear entrepreneurial focus, including the promotion of new design skills and user involvement.
- The importance to put in place a technology-neutral, flexible and innovation-friendly regulatory framework for energy-efficient and environmentally-friendly green lighting products and services, as outlined in the New Legislative Framework. This needs to be complemented by harmonisation of standards with the involvement of industry.

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As stated in the Green Paper, the Commission will reflect on appropriate actions and further measures to address these issues as part of the analysis of all contributions received through the public consultation.

The Commission hopes the Folketing will continue to support work on the Digital Agenda for Europe¹ in Denmark and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue with the Folketing in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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¹ COM(2010)245, http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/digital-agenda