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Dear President,

Thank you very much for the opinion of the Bundesrat on the Green paper concerning the modernisation of EU public procurement policy {(COM(2011)15 final}. Let me start by apologising for the delay in replying to your Opinion.

I have read with interest the position of the Bundesrat which responds constructively to the Commission consultation. I have in particular noted the support for the Commission's objectives of simplification of public procurement law and the more strategic use of public procurement in support of the Europe 2020 strategy. I have also considered the Bundesrat's position on the important issue of public-public cooperation.

The European Commission will take the valuable comments of the Bundesrat into account in preparing its legislative proposal for the modernisation of the EU public procurement rules which will be submitted by the end of this year.

I look forward to continuing our political dialogue on these important issues, at the latest when the Commission comes forward with its legislative proposal.

Yours faithfully,

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