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Dear President,

I would like to thank the German Bundestag for its Opinion concerning the public consultation entitled "Towards a coherent European approach to collective redress" {SEC(2011) 173} and to apologise for the delay in replying to it.

The Commission took note of the Opinion of the Bundestag with regard to the lack of evidence of a deficit of enforcement of the European Union law, as well as preference for non-binding measures in the area of collective redress. I can reassure you that any initiative of the Commission has to be based on a thorough assessment of impact and evidenced added value for European citizens and businesses.

The Commission fully shares the view that the European Union should avoid introduction of the negative features of collective redress known from other jurisdictions, in particular from the United States. There is no doubt that any European Union's collective redress mechanism has to provide for high level of procedural guarantees for both parties and prevent abusive litigation of non-meritorious claims.

I would like to inform you, that contributions received in public consultation are publicly available via: http://ec.europa.eu/justice/newsroom/civil/opinion/110430_en.htm

The Commission is currently assessing the results of the public consultation and will present an initiative for EU framework for collective redress in 2012.

We will of course keep national Parliaments duly informed about any further developments regarding this file.

Yours Faithfully,

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