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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the German Bundesrat for its Opinion concerning the Green Paper on shadow banking {COM(2012) 102 final} and apologizes for the delay in replying. It takes note of the overall support expressed by the Bundesrat for the ideas presented by the Commission in this document. The consultation based on this Green Paper will provide useful input to the ongoing reflection on this topic.*

*The Commission takes note in particular of the support expressed by the Bundesrat for the proposed scope taking into account potential systemic risk aspects building, for example, on the work of the European Systemic Risk Board.*

*The Commission also takes note of the support expressed by the Bundesrat for international cooperation on shadow banking, in order to bring the different work streams together in the interests of a level playing field.*

*Following a comprehensive analysis of the responses to the consultation and the publication of the reports which are under preparation by international organisations, the Commission will conduct additional specific consultations. On this basis, the Commission will consider the possible next steps and the case for legislative action in this area in order to enhance financial stability in Europe.*

*The Commission hopes that these explanations serve to clarify the points raised by the Bundesrat and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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