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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Bundesrat for its Opinion concerning the Consultative Communication on the future of Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) in Europe, published on 27 March {COM(2013) 180 final}.*

*The Commission services have taken note of the position and concerns of the Bundesrat regarding the capture and sequestration of CO<sub>2</sub> as a climate change mitigation tool, as well as the competence of Member States regarding the location of CO<sub>2</sub> storage on their territories. The Commission shares the view of the Bundesrat that the Emissions Trading System requires an improved incentive structure in order to fully deliver its benefits.*

*In the above mentioned Communication, the Commission recognises that the demonstration of CCS and subsequent commercial roll-out would contribute to reducing costs, ensuring safe storage and reducing risks of the technology for investors. The views of the Bundesrat will be duly considered in the context of the analysis of the responses to the Consultative Communication that the Commission services are currently undertaking. A report setting out the conclusions of this analysis will be published later in the year.*

*The Commission would like to thank once again the Bundesrat for their valued contribution and looks forward to continuing our political dialogue in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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