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*Ms Malu DREYER  
President of the Bundesrat  
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*Dear President Dreyer,*

*I would like to thank you for your letter of 25 November 2016 and the enclosed Resolution of the Bundesrat welcoming the Commission Proposal for an Interinstitutional Agreement on a mandatory Transparency Register {COM(2016) 627 final}.*

*The Commission is very pleased to note the positive reaction and support expressed by the Bundesrat as well as recently by the Committee of the Regions. Our proposal fully recognises the specific nature of public authorities, including at regional and local level, by exempting them and their associations.*

*The Commission looks forward to working closely with the European Parliament and the Council to come to an Agreement which would achieve a robust and meaningful Transparency Register of mandatory nature.*

*The Commission will be happy to keep you informed on the next steps.*

*Yours faithfully,*

*Frans Timmermans  
First Vice-President*