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*Mr. Secretary General,*

*I wish to thank you for your letter dated 22 January 2009 by which you have sent us Italian Senate's Resolution on the proposal for the review of the Regulation on roaming on public mobile telephone networks within the Community (COM(2008)580).*

*The Commission welcomes the support of the Italian Senate as to the proposed extension of the Regulation in time, for a further period of three years, and in scope to cover SMS and data roaming services, as well as its support for a rapid adoption of these proposals.*

*As members of the Senate will be aware, discussions on this proposal are evolving rapidly within the context of the co-decision procedure. The Council and the European Parliament agree with the Commission on the need to achieve an agreement on the proposal at first reading.*

*In their draft reports on the review of the Roaming Regulation, the Reporters of the European Parliament committees on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) and Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO) have made some valuable suggestions. These reports are currently under discussion in Parliament.*

*Working group level discussions on the Commission's proposals took place in the Council under the French Presidency while at their meeting in Brussels on 27 November 2008, Ministers in the Telecommunications Council signalled very broad agreement with the Commission's proposal and adopted a general approach.*

*The opinion of the European Parliament in its first reading is expected by mid-April 2009. It is hoped that political agreement at the Council will be reached shortly thereafter. If this is the case, the proposed measures will come into force in summer 2009.*

*Yours sincerely*

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