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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Italian Senate for its opinion on the Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the detailed rules for access to the public regulated service offered by the global navigation satellite system established under the GALILEO programme {COM(2010) 550 final}.

The Commission welcomes the support of the Italian Senate for this proposal as well as its view that the proposal takes adequate account of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality.

The Opinion of the Senate provides a thorough analysis on issues where particular care should be taken when implementing the proposal, in particular:

- the laws and regulations regarding personal data protection and the public access to information;*
- the applicable laws for sanctions;*
- the accreditation rules applicable to the receivers manufacturers.*

The Commission fully shares the views of the Italian Senate on the two first issues and wishes to provide further clarification with respect to the accreditation rules.

The accreditation rules are subject to Regulation (EU) No 912/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2010 setting up the European GNSS Agency, repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1321/2004 on the establishment of structures for the management of the European satellite radio navigation programmes and amending Regulation (EC) No 683/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council. This regulation has already identified that the granting of "authorization to manufacture receivers containing PRS technology and their components" shall be one of the tasks of the Security Accreditation Board. Moreover, the regulation has defined in detail the respective role of this Board and of the Member States with adequate account of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality. The intention of the Commission is merely to refer to this already established mechanism.

The Commission looks forward to continue the political dialogue with the Italian Senate.

Yours faithfully,

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