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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank you for the opinion of the Camera dei Deputati on the Green paper concerning the modernisation of EU public procurement policy {COM(2011) 15}, and apologises for the undue delay in our response.*

*The Commission has read with interest the position of the Camera dei Deputati which responds constructively to the Commission consultation. It took your valuable comments into account in preparing its legislative proposal for the modernisation of the EU public procurement rules which was adopted on 20 December 2011 {COM(2011) 896 final}.*

*In particular, the Commission notes the support of the Camera dei Deputati on the need to achieve better quality of projects and ensure professionalism in the conduct of procurement procedures also at an early stage; to simplify rules so that SMEs benefit from better access to public procurement; to put more emphasis on the quality of the services and products purchased by contracting authorities; and to ensure sound procedures. As far as the pursuit of societal objectives (environment, social inclusion and innovation) is concerned, the Commission will make sure that the proposed improvements to the current legal framework will not increase the administrative burden for contracting authorities.*

*Finally the Commission welcomes the wish of the Camera dei Deputati to take advantage of the reform to simplify national legislation and to provide contracting authorities and businesses with a consistent, clear and stable legal framework, in particular by avoiding gold plating.*

*I look forward to continuing our political dialogue.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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