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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Senato della Repubblica for its Opinion concerning the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council on roaming on public mobile communications networks within the Union {COM(2011) 402 final}. Let me apologise for the delayed submission of this reply.

The co-legislators reached an agreement in first reading. The new Regulation was finally adopted by the European Parliament on 10 May 2012 and by the Council on 30 May 2012 and it has entered into force on 1 July 2012. The new Regulation will allow consumers to benefit from lower voice, SMS and data roaming price caps introducing, at the same time, a number of structural measures, such a possibility for roaming customers, as of 1 July 2014, to select their roaming provider separately from their domestic provider, which will enhance competition on the EU roaming market.

The Commission would also like to thank the Senato della Repubblica for its general support for the recast instrument, which was indeed chosen to ensure maximum clarity and transparency. Regarding your concerns about the lack of underlying analysis, the Commission wishes to clarify that its proposals were duly accompanied by a detailed report on the outcome of the functioning of the current Roaming Regulation, as well as an extensive impact assessment of the new proposed measures.

You can find the detailed analysis of the functioning of the current Regulation in the Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the outcome of the review of the functioning of Regulation (EC) No 717/2007 as amended by Regulation (EC) No 544/2009, at the following address:

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/roaming/docs/roaming_report_11.pdf

Furthermore, the detailed Impact Assessment on the different policy options envisaged for the review of the Regulation, as well as its Executive Summary, can be found at the following addresses respectively:

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[http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/roaming/docs/impac ass 11.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/roaming/docs/impac_ass_11.pdf)

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/roaming/docs/resume_impacass11.Pdf

The Commission hopes that these explanations serve to clarify the concerns raised in your Opinion and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue with the Senato della Repubblica.

Yours faithfully,

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