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Dear President,

*The Commission would like to thank the Senato della Repubblica for its Opinion on the proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on accounting rules and action plans on greenhouse gas emissions and removals resulting from activities related to land use, land use change and forestry (COM (2012) 93 final) and apologises for the delay in replying.*

*The Commission welcomes the favourable comments and has taken particular note of the main observations raised in this opinion. The Commission would therefore like to offer the following comments on the main observation of the Senate on whether it would be appropriate to include Land Use Land Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF) activities in the greenhouse gas reduction commitments undertaken by the European Union, including in the light of the results of the United Nations Climate Change Conference held in Durban from 28 November to 9 December 2011, which saw the adoption of Decision 2/CMP.7 laying down rules on the compulsory accounting of the LULUCF sector that are applicable from the second commitment period under the Kyoto Protocol.*

*The Commission's legislative proposal on LULUCF builds on international decisions, in particular Decision 2/CMP.7 of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol adopted during the negotiations in Durban, in December 2011. The proposed decision would transpose the internationally agreed improved LULUCF accounting rules into EU legislation.*

*In addition, mandatory LULUCF activities would be included in the EU's international emission reduction commitment under the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol as it was the case under the first commitment period.*

*The Commission hopes that this address the question raised in the Opinion of the Senato della Repubblica and looks forward to continuing our dialogue in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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