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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Senato della Repubblica for its Opinion on the modified legislative proposals of the European Commission for the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) {COM(2011) 551\_552\_553\_535 final} and apologises for the long delay in replying.*

*The Commission welcomes the positive assessment of the Senato della Repubblica as regards the compliance with the principle of subsidiarity. As regards the Senato della Repubblica's specific observations concerning the impact of the Croatian accession on the new distribution of direct payments, the Commission would like to make the following remark:*

*The Commission has updated in July 2012 its proposals for the Multi-Annual Financial Framework 2014-2020 (COM(2012) 388). For the CAP, the update concerns only the additional amounts requested in view of the accession of Croatia to the European Union. The updated Commission proposals add the amounts foreseen for Croatia to its original MFF proposal of June 2011, meaning that the amounts for the current 27 Member States are not modified because of the accession of Croatia. As regards direct payments, the updated proposals are in line with Croatia's Accession Treaty, which has been ratified by the majority of the Member States.*

*The Commission hopes that these clarifications address the issue raised by the Senato della Repubblica in its Opinion and looks forward to continuing our political dialogue in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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