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Dear President,

The European Commission would like to thank the Camera dei Deputati for its Opinion on the Commission's proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2006 on shipments of waste {COM(2013) 516 final}.

The Commission is grateful for the contribution provided by the Camera dei Deputati relating to information exchange and waste traceability. It also takes note of the comments regarding its proposal and would like to provide the following additional information.

The issue of a dedicated European agency for waste is not part of the Commission's proposal. The Commission's proposal aims to improve waste shipment inspections carried out in Member States and lays down requirements covering both the planning and the carrying out of national inspections. The Commission's assessment of the economic, social and environmental impacts of these requirements showed that they would, in combination with guidance for authorities and operators, be the most effective way to prevent illegal waste shipments.

Directive 2008/99/EC of the European Parliament and the Council on the protection of the environment through criminal law (OJ L 328, 6.12.2008, p. 28) lays down a list of environmental offences that must be considered criminal offences by all Member States, if committed intentionally or with serious negligence. This list includes the illegal shipment of waste. It is of key importance that the relevant provisions are properly transposed and implemented by Member States, as highlighted in the Opinion of the Camera dei Deputati.

The Commission hopes that these clarifications address the comments made by the Camera dei Deputati and looks forward to continuing our political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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