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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Senato della Repubblica for its favourable Opinion concerning the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation 525/2013 as regards the technical implementation of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change {COM(2013) 769 final}.

This proposal relates to technical implementing measures required from the ratification by the EU, its Member States and Iceland of the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol, as agreed in 2012 at the Doha Climate conference.

The European Union's agreement to a legally-binding commitment in the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol came as part of a broader package of decisions, including those reiterating the objective of concluding a new climate agreement applicable to all countries, and consistent with the below 2°C objective, by 2015. As rightly stressed in the Opinion, climate action is required by all, and notably by emerging economies, which goes well beyond the commitments taken under the Kyoto Protocol only. It is however important to bear in mind that more than 60 other countries, including the United States, China, India, South Africa and Brazil, have pledged mitigation action under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Copenhagen and subsequently. This brings the total share of global emissions covered by international mitigation action under both the Kyoto Protocol and the Convention to more than 80%.

The joint fulfilment will involve the EU, its Member States and Iceland. Together, these Parties have committed to an emission reduction by 20 % compared to base year emissions, which corresponds to what the EU and its Member States have already agreed to through the climate and energy package adopted in 2009 and now being implemented.

As the Senato della Repubblica points out, one of the measures through which Member States may want to achieve the emission reductions under their responsibility is increased energy efficiency. As regards the energy efficiency in buildings, including public buildings, the

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Commission would like to refer to Directive 2010/31 of 19 May 2010 which deals with this issue.

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

Yours faithfully,

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