



## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Senato della Repubblica for its Opinion concerning the EU Anti-Corruption Report {COM (2014) 38 final}.*

*The Commission is grateful for the Senato della Repubblica's support for the recommendations in the report suggesting that Italy reinforce policies to prevent and combat corruption, including the statute of limitation regime and transparency of public procurement.*

*The Commission appreciates the information which the Senato della Repubblica has shared regarding recent legislative and policy steps against corruption in Italy. The next EU Anti-Corruption Report in 2016 will take stock of the situation in each Member State. In the meantime, the Commission is engaging Member States in dialogue on the follow-up to the Report, and national Parliaments have a key role to play in this regard.*

*This year's European Semester recommendations for Italy, endorsed by national leaders in June 2014 (10791/14), retain the emphasis on revising the statute of limitations and strengthening the powers of the National Anti-Corruption Authority for the Evaluation and Transparency of Public Administrations (ANAC).*

*The Commission takes note of the Senato della Repubblica's view that perception indicators ought to be subsidiary to official statistics. The Commission is currently working on the selection of EU-wide statistical indicators on police and criminal justice, under national laws corresponding to Articles 15 to 22 of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, for future editions of the EU Anti-Corruption Report. However, challenges remain with the availability, reliability and comparability of statistics across the European Union. That is why the Commission will continue to use the widest possible range of sources, including Eurobarometer data on how citizens and business people perceive and experience corruption. Perceived corruption matters, as it can undermine trust in legitimate institutions and markets.*

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

*Yours faithfully,*

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*Vice-President / Member of the Commission*