



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Senato della Repubblica for its Reasoned Opinion on the Commission Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and the Council amending Directives 2008/98/EC on waste, 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste, 1999/31/EC on the landfill of waste, 2000/53/EC on end-of-life vehicles, 2006/66/EC on batteries and accumulators and 2012/19/EU on waste electrical and electronic equipment {COM(2014) 397 final}.

On 25 February 2015 the Commission withdrew the waste proposal in order to make way in 2015 for a more ambitious approach that can be more effective. This package will include a revised waste proposal that takes better account of the situation in the various Member States, but also a concrete action plan to address the rest of the cycle, with elements aimed at promoting the circular economy across the whole value chain. The Commission will for example examine ways of supporting better product design and sustainable consumption, and facilitating the development of a market for secondary raw materials.

The detailed Opinion of the Senato della Repubblica provides an important contribution in this context and will be duly taken into account when preparing this new initiative.

The Commission looks forward to continuing our constructive dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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