



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Senato della Repubblica for its Opinion on the proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Paris Agreement adopted under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change {COM(2016) 62 final}.*

*The Paris Agreement, which was signed by the Commission and Council on behalf of the European Union at the high-level signing ceremony in New York on 22 April 2016, is a historic achievement and the first ever universal, legally-binding global climate deal. It sets out the long-term goal of keeping the global average temperature increase to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit it to 1.5°C. Additionally, it provides for a robust review cycle with the flexibility to strengthen ambition over time as well as strong transparency and accountability rules.*

*The Commission welcomes the Senato della Repubblica's support for the Paris Agreement. Throughout the negotiations, the European Union was united and spoke with a single voice. It was instrumental in building a broad coalition of developed and developing countries in favour of a highly ambitious outcome, both of which were critical in securing the final agreement. The Commission also appreciates the Senato della Repubblica's broad support for ambitious EU and global climate action and looks forward to continuing to work together on the implementation of the Paris Agreement.*

*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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