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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Senato della Repubblica for its Opinion on the Communication "The Road from Paris: assessing the implications of the Paris Agreement" {COM(2016) 110 final} and accompanying the proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the EU, of the Paris Agreement adopted under the United Nation 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 has sent a clear signal to governments, stakeholders and investors on the global transition to a low carbon economy. The Commission is committed to delivering on the EU's commitments under the Paris Agreement by working with Member States to ensure the timely adoption of the 2030 climate and energy framework.

The Commission appreciates the support of the Senato della Repubblica for an ambitious EU and global climate action and looks forward to continuing to work together with the Senato della Repubblica 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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