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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Camera dei Deputati for its Opinion on the Communication on ICT standardisation priorities for the Digital Single Market {COM (2016) 176 final}.

The Commission fully shares the considerations contained in the Opinion and would like to provide clarifications in relation to the observations that are mentioned therein.

The Communication underlines the need for a wide array of initiatives in the five domains that are considered of high priority. The Commission notes the concern regarding the possible need for complementary policy/regulatory measures that should serve to ensure more transparency in the process of defining standards, as well as enabling Member States to monitor and evaluate the details of the outcomes of the standardisation work. At this stage, the Commission does not expect to implement any specific measure. It remains open, however, to act should there be the need.

The Commission fully shares the principle of neutrality for all types of European and international standardisation deliverables and the need to avoid any duplication. If necessary, the Commission will intervene in this regard.

The Commission supports the plea to strengthen standardisation at the national level since, in turn, it can leverage national development and provide positive outcomes that can be extended at the European or international level.

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The Commission is aware of the potential implications of standardisation on various aspects of the rights to private life and personal data, and thus fully shares the view on the need to protect such rights, as well as on the freedom to conduct a business and the right to property.

The Commission hopes that these clarifications address the observations raised by the Camera dei Deputati and looks forward to continuing our political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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