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*Mr Pietro GRASSO
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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Senato della Repubblica for its Opinion on the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Electronic Communications Code {COM(2016) 590 final/2}.

This proposal forms part of an ambitious package of EU telecoms rules designed to meet the growing connectivity needs of European citizens and businesses and boost Europe's competitiveness¹. The package of measures aims at encouraging investment in very high capacity networks and accelerating public access to Wi-Fi for Europeans. In proposing these measures, the Commission is delivering on the promise in its Communication "A Digital Single Market Strategy for Europe²" of May 2015, to present an ambitious overhaul of the regulatory framework for electronic communications with the view to make the telecom rules fit for purpose as part of the creation of the right conditions for the Digital Single Market.

The Commission welcomes the positive opinion by the Senato della Repubblica's broad support for the aims of the Code, in particular the simplification and harmonisation of rules, the objective of achieving deployment of very high capacity connectivity and the enhanced consumer protection. The Commission is pleased that the Senato della Repubblica also approves the proposed recast of the current four Directives into one and acknowledges its simplification effect.

¹ http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-16-3008_en.htm.
² COM(2015) 192 final.

The Commission will bear in mind the views of the Senato della Repubblica in the context of the ongoing legislative process involving both the European Parliament and the Council, where your government is represented. The Commission looks forward to continuing our political dialogue in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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*Andrus Ansip
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