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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Senato della Repubblica for its Opinion on the report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of Regulation (EU) No 691/2011 on European environmental economic accounts {COM(2016) 663}.*

*The Commission welcomes the Senato della Repubblica's positive assessment.*

*Environmental economic accounts provide information on a broad spectrum of environmental and economic issues, in order to measure on the one hand the contribution of the environment to the economy and on the other hand the impact of the economy on the environment. This data source has therefore ample potential for underpinning policy decisions on subjects such as climate change, energy policy, green growth and environmental sustainability amongst others.*

*The Commission has the intention to continue developing and improving environmental economic accounts, with the cooperation and support of the Member States. Particular areas of attention are quality improvements, enhancements of the statistical framework and maintaining the present low administrative burden.*

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

*Yours faithfully,*

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