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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Senato della Repubblica for its Opinion on the Communication "Delivering on Low-Emission Mobility" {COM(2017) 675 final}.

Transport represents almost a quarter of Europe's greenhouse gas emissions and is the main cause of air pollution in cities. Europe's answer to these challenges is an irreversible shift to low-emission mobility in terms of carbon and air pollutants. The ambition is clear: by mid-century, greenhouse gas emissions from transport will need to be at least 60% lower than in 1990 and be firmly on the path towards zero. Emissions of air pollutants from transport that harm our health need to be drastically reduced without delay. Transport has much greater potential than in the past to contribute towards reducing the emissions of the European Union, as we have committed to do under the Paris Agreement on climate change and in line with the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development.

In the framework of the Energy Union, the Commission has over the past twelve months followed up on the European Strategy for Low-Emission Mobility {COM(2016) 501 final} by adopting legislative proposals and measures grouped together under 'Mobility Packages' that address both supply- and demand including CO₂ emissions standards for vehicles, public procurement of clean vehicles, road charging to promote the 'polluter pays principle' and accelerating the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure.

The measures presented in the Communication "Delivering on Low-Emission Mobility" are thus aimed at accelerating the transition to low-emission mobility in the European Union, which will ensure that Europe, its citizens and businesses are able to embrace the opportunities offered by digitalisation, decarbonisation and innovation in the transport sector, for the benefit of the economy and our quality of life.

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The Commission thanks the Senato della Repubblica for its support for this Strategy and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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