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Dear President,

The Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy would like to thank the Italian Camera dei Deputati for its Opinion on the Joint Report of the European Commission and the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to the European Parliament and the Council of 06 April 2016 on the implementation of the Joint Framework on countering hybrid threats - a European Union response {JOIN(2017) 30 final}.

The Commission and the High Representative welcome the thorough and positive opinion expressed by the Camera dei Deputati on the progress made in countering hybrid threats, in particular regarding the actions undertaken to raise awareness, conduct research and build resilience in the European Union and its Member States.

The Commission and the High Representative are pleased that the Camera dei Deputati shares the view that the European Union plays an important role in strengthening the Member States' capacity to counter hybrid threats. In this respect, the Commission and the High Representative have given high priority to supporting the launch of a hybrid risk survey to identify key vulnerabilities, including specific hybrid related indicators that could potentially affect national and pan-European structures and networks. This work will contribute to the development of tools for identifying hybrid indicators, especially for the protection of critical infrastructure, including infrastructure in the transport domain, as well as for countering terrorism and protecting European financial systems.

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The Commission and the High Representative remain committed to mobilising all relevant instruments in countering hybrid threats and look forward to continuing the political dialogue with the Camera dei Deputati in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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