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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Senato della Repubblica for its Opinion on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund {COM(2018) 380 final}.

This proposal forms part of a broader package of ambitious measures designed as a response to the social challenges the Union is facing. Taking into account the changing realities of the world of work, the Union shall be made ready for the current and future challenges, in particular those caused by globalisation, transition to low-carbon economy, digitisation and automation, by making growth more inclusive and improving employment and social policies.

The Commission welcomes the support expressed by the Senato della Repubblica and the conclusion that the proposal is in compliance with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality.

The Commission takes note of the observations made by the Senato della Repubblica relating to the indicative case specific targets, two of the common result indicators, the minimum notice period for on-the-spot checks, changes to indicators and the use of delegated acts.

The Commission is pleased to have this opportunity to provide a number of clarifications regarding its proposal.

In the Commission's view, quantitative and qualitative data collection and reporting are an important element of the evaluation of the results achieved through the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund's intervention and their sustainability. For the purpose of the evaluation, indicative case-specific targets would take into account the specificities of the respective case. Also, there would be no sanctions if the targets set are not achieved. Regarding the percentages of the Fund's beneficiaries gaining a qualification and being in education or training six months after the end of the implementation period, the Commission's opinion is that these are relevant indicators for monitoring the

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performance of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund's intervention. Moreover, Member States can use the technical assistance included in the budget of European Globalisation Adjustment Fund project for preparation of a European Globalisation Adjustment Fund application, reporting and other activities, including the data collection, as mentioned above.

The Commission takes note of the Senato della Repubblica's concern regarding the minimum notice period of on-the-spot checks carried out by Commission officials.

Furthermore, whenever it appears necessary to modify the indicators, for example for evaluation purposes, the Commission will consult Member States' experts regarding the amendment of indicators and only afterwards will adopt delegated acts to amend indicators. Before the delegated acts would enter into force, the European Parliament and the Council have the right to scrutinise such delegated acts and could object to them.

Discussions between the co-legislators, the European Parliament and the Council, concerning the proposal are now underway and the Commission remains hopeful that an agreement will be reached in the near future. The Opinion of the Senato della Repubblica has been made available to the Commission's representatives in the negotiations and will inform these discussions.

The Commission hopes that the clarifications provided in this reply address the issues raised by the Senato della Repubblica and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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