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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Camera dei Deputati for its Opinion on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EU) No 1308/2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products, (EU) No 1151/2012 on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs, (EU) No 251/2014 on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of aromatised wine products, (EU) No 228/2013 laying down specific measures for agriculture in the outermost regions of the Union and (EU) No 229/2013 laying down specific measures for agriculture in favour of the smaller Aegean islands {COM(2018) 394 final}.

This proposal forms part of a broader package of legislative proposals on the Common Agricultural Policy beyond 2020. These proposals aim to make the Common Agricultural Policy more responsive to current and future challenges such as climate change or generational renewal, while continuing to support European farmers for a sustainable and competitive agricultural sector.

The Commission welcomes the Camera dei Deputati's broad support for the aims of this proposal and the positive opinion regarding its conformity to the subsidiarity principle inscribed in Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union.

Discussions between the Commission, 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 Commission looks forward to continuing the political dialogue with the Camera dei Deputati in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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