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*President of the Senat*

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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Senat for its Opinion on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the inclusion of greenhouse gas emissions and removals from land use, land use change and forestry into the 2030 climate and energy framework and amending Regulation No 525/2013 on a mechanism for monitoring and reporting greenhouse gas emissions and other information relevant to climate change {COM(2016) 479 final}.*

*This proposal forms part of a broader legislative package based on the guidance provided by the European leaders at the European Council of October 2014, with a view to achieving the agreed target of at least 40% emission reductions compared to 1990. This is one of the elements by which the EU implements its commitments under the Paris Agreement on climate change, which has recently been ratified by the European Union, and which entered into force on 4 November 2016.*

*The Commission welcomes Romania's general support to the proposal, as well as to other legislative tools for the implementation of the 2030 Climate and Energy Framework. The proposal on land use and forestry is part of a legislative package which also comprises the proposal on Effort Sharing<sup>1</sup>{COM(2016) 482 final} and the proposal concerning the Emission Trading System<sup>2</sup> {COM(2015) 337 final}.*

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<sup>1</sup> Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on binding annual greenhouse gas emission reductions by Member States from 2021 to 2030 for a resilient Energy Union and to meet commitments under the Paris Agreement and amending Regulation No 525/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council on a mechanism for monitoring and reporting greenhouse gas emissions and other information relevant to climate change.

<sup>2</sup> Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2003/87/EC to enhance cost-effective emission reductions and low-carbon investments.

*The design of national targets for emission reductions in the proposal on Effort Sharing is fully in line with the guidance provided in October 2014 by the European Heads of State, who underlined the importance of the principles of solidarity and fairness and suggested that reduction efforts will continue to be distributed on the basis of relative gross domestic product per capita as in the Effort Sharing Decision from 2009<sup>3</sup>.*

*The points made above are based on the initial proposal presented by the Commission which is currently in the legislative process involving both the European Parliament and the Council.*

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

*Yours faithfully,*

*Frans Timmermans  
First Vice-President*

*Miguel Arias Cañete  
Member of the Commission*

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<sup>3</sup> Decision No 406/2009/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 on the effort of Member States to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions to meet the Community's greenhouse gas emission reduction commitments up to 2020.