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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 monitoring and reporting of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from and fuel consumption of new heavy-duty vehicles {COM(2017) 279 final}.*

*The Commission welcomes the Senat's broad support for the proposal as a measure that can contribute to the reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from road transport. The Commission has taken good note of the Senat's concerns and recommendations and would like to provide some clarifications.*

*Concerning the Senat's recommendation that the Regulation should not include provisions on monitoring and reporting of fuel consumption, the Commission recalls that fuel consumption is one of the key criteria for customers when purchasing a heavy-duty vehicle. Fuel bills represent a significant share of up to around 30% of the operational costs for transport operators, who are mainly small and medium-sized enterprises. Therefore, providing robust information on the fuel efficiency performance of the vehicles would enable transport operators to make better informed purchase decisions geared towards the most fuel-efficient vehicles.*

*Regarding the Senat's suggestion to remove vehicles not covered by the implementing Regulation on the determination of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and fuel consumption of heavy-duty vehicles from the scope of the proposed Regulation, the Commission would like to stress that it has proposed a wide scope to collect information on the full composition of the heavy-duty vehicle fleet in the European market and its development over time. Only full information on the composition of the fleet will allow monitoring and evaluating the actual impacts of the proposed legislation on the uptake of fuel-efficient vehicles and their CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. In the future, this information will also allow for prioritising the extension of the scope of the proposed Regulation to potentially cover the remaining categories of trucks, buses, coaches and trailers. Member States would have to report this information based on the data they collect in any case at the time of the vehicle's registration, while manufacturers would have*

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*to report the technical data only for vehicles which have already undergone the certification procedure under the type-approval framework.*

*Following the Commission's adoption of the proposal, discussions have started in the Council Working Group under the Estonian Presidency. On the side of the European Parliament, the rapporteurs and shadow rapporteurs have been nominated, and discussions have started in September 2017. The Commission remains hopeful that an agreement will be reached with the co-legislators in the near future.*

*The Commission hopes that the above clarifications address the issues raised by the Senat and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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