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*Mr Călin POPESCU-TARICEANU  
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 Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment {COM(2018) 340 final}.*

*The Commission welcomes the overall support of the Senat for this proposal, which aims at contributing to an effective reduction of littering of plastics, in particular in the marine environment, fulfilling the objectives of the Plastics Strategy. This proposal has the potential to result in one of the most comprehensive legal instruments to fight plastic pollution at global level.*

*The Commission, as suggested by the Senat, is already implementing, in both traditional and social media, an awareness-raising campaign on Single Use Plastics<sup>1</sup>. The campaign is targeting the civil society, in particular young consumers, and presents sustainable, available and affordable alternatives to widely used plastic products, with an ultimate objective of triggering behavioural changes and consumption habits.*

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

*Yours faithfully,*

*Frans Timmermans  
First Vice-President*

*Karmenu Vella  
Member of the Commission*

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<sup>1</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/info/news/single-use-plastics-are-you-readytochange-2018-jun-05\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/news/single-use-plastics-are-you-readytochange-2018-jun-05_en)