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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Senat for its Opinion on the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 {COM(2020) 380 final}.

The Commission appreciates the support of the Senat for the ambition of the strategy, which is an integral part of the European Green Deal. Indeed, the loss of biodiversity is one of the major global environmental threats, along with climate change, and urgently requires attention.

Resources are needed for the strategy to have effect and the Commission aims to exploit various forms of financing and investment to support implementation. This will provide added value for both nature and the economy.

The Commission will carry out a full impact assessment on the legally binding EU nature restoration targets to restore degraded ecosystems, according to the principles of better regulation.

Finally, the strategy also aims to integrate the various values of ecosystems and their services into decision-making at all levels, including the development of natural capital accounting.

The Commission hopes that these 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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