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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Congreso de los Diputados and the Senado for their Opinion concerning the Proposal for a Council Decision amending Decision 2002/546/EC as regards its period of application {COM(2013) 781 final}.

The Commission is pleased that the Congreso de los Diputados and the Senado consider that its proposal complies with the subsidiarity principle.

The Commission would like to inform the Congreso de los Diputados and the Senado that, following the request received from the Spanish authorities and according to Article 349 of the TFEU, the Commission is currently preparing the proposal for a Council Decision that would extend the period of validity of the Arbitrio sobre las Importaciones y Entregas de Mercancías (AIEM) until 31 December 2020.

The Commission hopes that these clarifications address the concerns raised by the Congreso de los Diputados and the Senado and looks forward to continuing our political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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