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Dear Presidents,

The Commission would like to thank the Congreso de los Diputados and the Senado for their Opinion on the proposals for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning common rules for the internal market in electricity (recast) {COM(2016) 864 final} and for a Directive on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources (recast) {COM(2016) 767 final}.

The proposals are part of a package of ambitious measures, the "Clean Energy for All Europeans" package, adopted by the Commission in order to establish a stable and forward-looking regulatory framework to meet the upcoming energy challenges. The measures included in the package focus on the following three main objectives: energy efficiency first, achievement of a global leadership in renewable energies and a fair deal for consumers.

The Commission welcomes the Congreso de los Diputados' and the Senado's general support for the proposals. The Commission takes note of the recommendation to better accommodate the specificities of Member States in the proposal on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources, in particular in view of the effective level of interconnections of each Member State. In this regard, the Commission would like to point out that the proposal for a Regulation on the Governance of the Energy Union {COM(2016) 759 final}, also part of the "Clean Energy for all Europeans" package, lists the level of power interconnection between Member States as one of the circumstances that Member States shall take into account when setting their contribution for the EU renewable energy target.

The points made above are based on the initial proposals presented by the Commission which are 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.

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