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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Congreso de los Diputados and the Senado for their Opinion on the Proposal for a Regulation laying down the legal framework of the European Solidarity Corps {COM(2017) 262 final}.

The Commission proposal delivers on the commitment made by President Juncker during his 2016 State of the Union address to create a European Solidarity Corps, offering young people between the age of 18 and 30 the opportunity to take part in a wide range of solidarity activities.

Building on 20 years of solid experience gained through the European Voluntary Service, the Commission is seeking to establish with the European Solidarity Corps an inclusive framework for solidarity activities in Europe underpinning the values upon which the European Union is founded. The European Solidarity Corps will enable young people to engage with communities and address societal challenges. At the same time it will help young people develop the skills and competences they need for their personal and professional development to find fulfilling work and lead independent lives.

Since the launch of its current phase on 7 December 2016, the European Solidarity Corps has met with vivid interest from young people, with more than 30,000 young people already having signed up for it.

The Commission looks forward to continuing the political dialogue with the Congreso de los Diputados and the Senado in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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