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Dear Presidents,

The Commission would like to thank the Cortes Generales for their Opinion on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down rules and procedures for compliance with and enforcement of Union harmonisation legislation on products {COM(2017) 795 final} and the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mutual recognition of goods lawfully marketed in another Member State {COM(2017) 796 final}.

In proposing these measures as part of the 'Goods Package', the Commission is making good on the promise of the Single Market Strategy to strengthen the Single Market for goods. Trade within the internal market is essential for the growth of enterprises and inward investment. The Commission's main goal is to ensure the free movement of goods within the market, and to set high safety standards for consumers and the protection of the environment. The initiatives are to address the increasing amount of non-compliant products on the Union market while offering incentives to boost regulatory compliance and ensuring fair and equal treatment that will benefit businesses and citizens and achieve a fairer and deeper single market for goods through more and better mutual recognition.

The Commission welcomes the Cortes Generales' broad support for these proposals. Discussions between the Commission and the co-legislators, the European Parliament and the Council, concerning the proposals are now underway. The Cortes Generales' Opinion has been forwarded to the relevant Commission services and will inform these discussions.

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

Yours faithfully,

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