



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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*Dear Presidents,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Cortes Generales for their Opinion supporting the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council setting CO<sub>2</sub> emission performance standards for new heavy-duty vehicles {COM(2018) 284 final}.*

*The Commission welcomes the assessment by the Cortes Generales that this proposal complies with the principle of subsidiarity set out in the Treaty on European Union.*

*Furthermore, the Commission would like to stress the importance of this proposal to curb greenhouse emissions of the transport sector and help meeting our commitments under the Paris Agreement. Transport operators, which are mainly small and medium-sized enterprises, will also benefit economically from this policy through fuel savings. The proposal will have also help maintaining the competitive leadership of European Union's industry while contributing to the creation of jobs in Europe.*

*The Commission looks forward to continuing the political dialogue with the Cortes Generales in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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