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*Dear Presidents,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Cortes Generales for their Opinion on the proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment {COM(2018) 340 final}.*

*The Commission welcomes the Cortes Generales' overall support for the proposal, which aims at contributing to an effective reduction of littering of plastics, in particular in the marine environment, fulfilling the objectives of the Plastics Strategy and safeguarding the internal market of the European Union. This proposal has the potential to result in one of the most comprehensive legal instruments to fight plastic pollution at global level and will contribute to fulfil commitments and obligations stemming from international agreements concluded by the European Union.*

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

*Yours faithfully,*

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