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Dear Ms Kinberg,

The Commission thanks the Swedish Parliament for sending its views on the Green Paper on "Unlocking the potential of cultural and creative industries {COM (2010) 183}". It shares the Swedish Parliament's opinion that culture is and will primarily remain a responsibility of Member States. This is indeed the premise on which the Green Paper - as part of the wider European Agenda for Culture shared by the Commission and the EU Member States - is built.

The Green Paper aims to spark a debate on the requirements of a stimulating environment for the EU's cultural and creative industries, including multiple perspectives, from that of the business environment to the need to open up a common European space for culture, from capacity building to skills development and promotion of European creators on the world stage.

As highlighted in the document, the questions raised are typically relevant to policy makers, and other stakeholders at all levels of governance: European, national, regional and local. However, through the public consultation, the Commission particularly welcomes contributions on priorities for action at European level. Indeed, the responses to the consultation will help ensure that EU policies and programmes involving cultural and creative industries, including the cohesion policy tools, are "fit for purpose".

The contribution sent by the Swedish Parliament, in particular the focus put on education and entrepreneurship, and the large number of good examples and best practices therein described will be very helpful in this endeavour.

I look forward to developing our policy dialogue further in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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