Dear President,

Let me thank you for transmitting the Opinion of the Swedish Parliament on the European Commission's Green Paper on policy options for progress towards a European Contract Law for consumers and businesses {COM(2010) 348 final}.

We appreciate the Swedish Parliament's valuable contribution and take note of the views expressed therein. The Commission will assess your contribution as well as those of the other respondents very carefully.

In the Green Paper the European Commission sets out different options to make contract law more coherent. This initiative is inspired by the fact that neither consumers nor businesses can reap the full benefits of the Single Market as the co-existence of national contract law regimes in the EU makes cross-border transactions more complex and costly.

Based on the outcome of the public consultation, the impact assessment and the data collected the Commission will decide on the follow-up to the Green Paper during the fourth quarter of 2011.

National Parliaments will of course be duly informed about and consulted on the next steps, as appropriate.

Yours faithfully,

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