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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Swedish Riksdag for its opinion on the Commission Communication "Towards a European road safety area: policy orientations on road safety 2011-2020" {COM(2010) 389}.*

*The Commission is very pleased that the Swedish Riksdag supports the objectives of the Commission's Communication concerning the policy orientations on road safety 2011-2020 and also takes the acknowledgement of the positive effect of addressing this issue at EU level as an encouragement for the Commission to remain highly committed to road safety.*

*The Commission fully shares the views of the Riksdag on the importance to address education and training as well as technical solutions to improve road safety. Enforcement on speed and drink-driving is equally of paramount importance. The installation of alcohol interlocks on board of certain vehicles, which is stressed in the Riksdag's Opinion, has also been identified by the Commission as an issue to be looked into in the framework of its policy orientations on road safety.*

*The Riksdag has pointed out that the Commission Communication lacks initiatives for countries that have already made considerable progress with regard to road safety. It is indeed expected that an important part of the efforts that will enable to reach the proposed common 50% reduction target by 2020 will be borne by Member States with a lower road safety performance.*

*However, even the best performers, like Sweden, could also significantly contribute to the common objective: in each country there is some room for improvement in specific road safety areas. Besides, as the Riksdag's opinion stresses, Sweden like other good performers, may act as an example for the whole EU. When implementing the policy orientations on road safety 2011-2020, the Commission welcomes the development of a fruitful cooperation with Sweden in view of collecting and sharing with other Member States its valuable experience in road safety.*

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*I also take this opportunity to draw your attention to the fact that the Commission adopted on 28 March 2011 the White Paper "Roadmap to a Single European Transport Area – Towards a competitive and resource efficient transport system" which among other things aims towards a "Vision Zero" on road safety in which no one should be killed within the EU road transport system.*

*I am looking forward to further cooperating with the Swedish Riksdag on this ambitious policy for road safety.*

*Yours faithfully,*

*/-/ Maroš Šefčovič  
Vice-President*