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Dear Mr Westerberg,

The Commission would like to thank the Riksdag for its Opinion on the European Commission's EU Disability Strategy 2010-2020: A Renewed Commitment to a Barrier-free Europe {COM (2010) 636}.

The Commission appreciates the Riksdag's valuable contribution and takes note of the comments expressed therein. It welcomes the broad support expressed by the Swedish Parliament to the Commission's Disability Strategy.

The Commission will carefully take into consideration the Swedish Parliament's call to take children with disabilities into account in the continued work under the Strategy. It also takes note of the Riksdag's remark that equal rights of women and men should be duly considered when the EU, in its external relations, promotes the rights of disabled persons.

I thank you for your support and I look forward to further developing our political dialogue on the rights of persons with disabilities.

Yours sincerely,

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