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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Riksdag for its Opinion on the Green Paper on the distribution of audiovisual works in the European Union: opportunities and challenges towards a digital single market {COM(2011) 427 final} and apologises for the delay in replying. Through this consultation the Commission is seeking to identify whether – and if so, which – measures are needed to improve the availability of digital audiovisual offers in the Single Market.

The Green Paper consultation closed on 18 November 2011. More than 200 contributions have been received for publication:

http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/consultations/2011/audiovisual_en.htm

The Commission agrees that it is important for legal solutions in this area to be sound and well considered; and that detailed regulation at EU level and any rules leading to unnecessary red tape should be avoided where possible. Furthermore, the balance should be maintained between the affected authors', rightsholders' and users' rights and interests, to their mutual benefit. The Commission also agrees with the Riksdag on the desirability of providing citizens with the greatest possible access to film heritage in the broad sense, while preserving rightsholders' and artists' entitlement to remuneration.

The Commission is undertaking a thorough evaluation of all responses submitted and will present a report on the outcome of the consultation in the course of 2012. We look forward to continuing the open and constructive dialogue with the Riksdag.

Yours faithfully,

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