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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Riksdag for its Opinion on the Green Paper "Lighting the Future – accelerating the deployment of innovative lighting technologies" {COM(2011) 889 final} and apologises for the delay in replying.

The Commission takes particular note of the following points made by the Rinksdag:

- The importance of energy efficient lighting solutions for the EU to jointly achieve the common goal of reducing energy consumption by 20 percent by 2020.
- The need to monitor the evolution lighting technology and market¹.
- The need to further develop common standards, invest in research and innovation and facilitate and encourage energy efficiency.
- The importance of continuing to monitor the issues raised with respect to possible effects of Solid State Lighting on consumers' health.
- The Riksdag's reminder of its reasoned opinion on the Commission's proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on Energy Efficiency {COM(2011) 370 final}, which is currently in the legislative process, under discussion by the European Parliament and Council.

¹ An overview of LED lighting technologies and market figures is included in two reports published as supporting documents to the Green Paper on the consultation page:
http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/digital-agenda/actions/ssl-consultation/index_en.htm.

As stated in the Green Paper, the Commission will reflect on appropriate actions and further measures to address these issues as part of the analysis of all contributions received through the public consultation.

The Commission hopes that the Riksdag will continue to support work on the Digital Agenda for Europe² in Sweden and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue with the Riksdag in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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² COM(2010)245, http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/digital-agenda