



## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Riksdag for its Opinion concerning the Communication "A Decent Life for All: Ending poverty and giving the world a sustainable future" {COM(2013) 92 final}.*

*The Commission welcomes the fact that the Riksdag concurs with the general direction of the Communication, including as regards the need to integrate the future agenda for poverty eradication and sustainable development.*

*The Riksdag raises some valuable remarks with respect to the priority of conflict affected and fragile states, in particular the proliferation of small and light arms and uncontrolled arms trade.*

*The Riksdag also emphasises the importance of sexual and reproductive health and rights, as well as the rights of homo- bi- or transsexual persons. The Committee is of the view that the EU is well placed to pursue these issues internationally.*

*The Commission agrees with the political importance of the issues raised in the Opinion of the Riksdag, and would concur with them being important also in the context of defining a post-2015 framework for poverty eradication and sustainable development, bearing in mind, however, the need to make the negotiations on a future framework successful, and the framework itself reasonably focused on a limited number of key issues that lend themselves to global goal and target setting. The 25 June General Affairs Council Conclusions give an indication of the type of priorities the EU will focus on, where strong language is indeed included on the issues of sexual and reproductive health and rights.*

*The Commission hopes that these clarifications address the concerns raised by the Riksdag and looks forward to continuing our political dialogue in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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