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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Riksdag for its Opinion on the Commission's Green Paper on a 2030 framework for climate and energy policies {COM(2013) 169 final}. This Opinion is timely as the Commission intends to come forward with more concrete proposals for the 2030 framework for climate and energy policies by the end of 2013.

The Commission welcomes the Riksdag's support on the need and urgency to prepare and decide on a 2030 framework for climate and energy policies in order to provide guidance for European business and industry as well as other stakeholders, regarding the EU's climate and energy policies after 2020. A long-term approach to climate and energy policy is of fundamental importance to provide certainty and predictability to stakeholders and investors.

In this regard, the Commission acknowledges the Riksdag's support for ambitious and binding objectives for the EU's greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reductions by 2030. Regarding the Riksdag's suggestion to examine the advantages and disadvantages of different energy policy goals before decisions on potential targets for renewable energy and energy efficiency are taken, the Commission would like to inform the Riksdag that it is currently working on a thorough Impact Assessment considering several policy options, with a view to allowing the Commission to make proposals for the 2030 framework in the coming months

Irrespective of the on-going discussions on potential targets, the Commission believes that higher shares of renewable energy and more energy efficiency are no regrets options for the transition of the energy system to a low carbon energy system. At the same time it is important that the 2030 framework is defined in such a way that it also supports the aspects of competitiveness and security of supply.

The Commission is grateful to the Riksdag for its recommendations and for engaging in this important discussion and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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