



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Riksdag for its Opinion concerning the Green Paper on the insurance of natural and man-made disasters {COM(2013) 213 final} and has taken due account of the different issues and comments raised therein.

The Commission welcomes the Riksdag's support in investigating the potential for more robust insurance solutions against disasters. The Commission also endorses the Riksdag's point on the importance of disaster prevention.

The Green Paper is a substantive follow-up to one of the priorities of the 2009 Swedish Presidency, on disaster prevention within the European Union, resulting in the Council conclusions adopted on 30 October 2009. Thereafter, in 2010, the Council invited the Commission to evaluate and report on the potential for the European Union to facilitate and support increased coverage of appropriate disaster risk insurance and financial risk transfer markets, as well as regional insurance pooling, in terms of knowledge transfer, cooperation, or seed financing.

The public consultation related to the Green Paper closed on 15 July 2013. The Commission is now examining the responses, and it is expected that the results will be published by the autumn of this year. Possible steps forward in terms of action will be decided in the light of these results.

The Commission looks forward to continuing our political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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