## **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**



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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Riksdag for its Opinion concerning the Green Paper Preparing for a Fully Converged Audiovisual World: Growth, Creation and Values {COM(2013) 231}.

The Commission takes note of the points addressed in the position including on the explanation relating to the Swedish Freedom of Expression Act. It welcomes the positive approach to the Commission's initiation of a discussion on the consequences of the on-going transformation of the audiovisual media landscape, the attention drawn to ensuring widest possible freedom of expression and information as well as to the importance to increase accessibility to media services for people with disabilities and to protect minors against harmful content. The Commission notes as well the reference to obligations of network operators, the need for a coordinated approach regarding the allocation of frequencies and the emphasis on voluntary solutions in the context of discussions on blocking websites.

The Commission will give the appropriate follow up to the Green Paper, after careful assessment of all the contributions to the consultation.

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

Yours faithfully,

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