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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Riksdag for its opinion on the Commission Work Programme (CWP) 2014 {COM(2013) 739 final}, and in particular for its support for the general approach of the Work Programme and the broad priorities identified for 2014.

The Commission welcomes the support from the Riksdag for completing the adoption of key pending growth-enhancing proposals and speeding up their implementation. It takes note of the convergence of views concerning, in particular, the need for a strong and stable euro area and completing the banking union and the overhaul of financial regulation. The proposals on a Single Resolution Mechanism, on a Framework for bank recovery and resolution and on Deposit Guarantee Schemes have been adopted in April 2014.

The Commission shares the views of the Riksdag on the importance of values and the need to safeguard an open Europe in times of economic difficulties. In the area of justice and home affairs, the Commission adopted on 11 March 2014 a series of policy communications, notably on the rule of law and on future priorities in these areas. The Commission also trusts that progress will be made in line with the roadmap established by the three institutions in January to adopt the new data protection rules before the end of the year.

As regards the Opinion of the Riksdag on the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) proposal, the Commission adopted on 27 November 2013 its reply to the yellow card triggered by national Parliaments. In its Communication (COM(2013) 534 final), the Commission explains that it continues to believe that the proposal is compliant with the principle of subsidiarity and recalls that the Treaty expressly provides for the possibility of establishing the EPPO.

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Finally, the Commission welcomes the support from the Riksdag for a more united and effective role of the EU internationally, in particular in its neighbourhood as well as in shaping the post 2015 development framework.

The Commission hopes that these comments address the issues raised in the Opinion and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue with the Riksdag.

Yours faithfully,

*José Manuel Barroso
President*