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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Riksdag for its Opinion concerning the Communication "Towards an EU strategy in international cultural relations" adopted on 8 June 2016.

The Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council of 22-23 May adopted conclusions on the above-mentioned Communication which provide guidance on the EU's strategic approach to international cultural relations.

The Communication is an important step that will allow the European Union to effectively play its role of support to Member States in their cultural policy, within the limits defined by the Treaties and in full respect of the principle of subsidiarity.

Furthermore, the Communication highlights the fundamental values of the European Union as far as cultural diversity is concerned, promoting it as a model for peaceful coexistence.

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

Yours faithfully,

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