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Dear Speaker,

The Commission would like to thank the Riksdag for its Opinion concerning the Communication of the European Commission on a proposal for a new European Union Youth Strategy for 2019-2027 {COM(2018) 269 final}.

The Commission welcomes the support expressed in the Opinion and is pleased that the Resolution adopted by the Council on 26 November 2018 on ‘The European Union Youth Strategy 2019-2027’ fully reflects the spirit of the Communication by endorsing its key elements. As a result, a renewed European Union cooperation framework in the youth field will soon be launched to “engage, connect and empower” young people in the European Union, in full respect of the subsidiarity principle and in line with the supporting and supplementing function defined in Article 165 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

In this context, the Commission would like to confirm that no harmonisation of legislation is foreseen as part of the Youth Strategy. Indeed, the Strategy provides a framework for policy cooperation around common objectives, principles and priorities based on the open method of coordination on a voluntary basis. The Commission can further confirm that the Strategy will indeed facilitate the exchange of good practices and experiences in the field of youth policy between Member States.

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

Yours faithfully,

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