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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Riksdag for its Opinion on the White Paper on Artificial Intelligence - A European Approach to Excellence and Trust {COM(2020) 65 final}.*

*The White Paper on Artificial Intelligence forms part of a broader package of measures designed to create a Europe fit for the digital age. In its proposed approach, the Commission is implementing its commitment to ensure artificial intelligence develops in a way that respects our European values and fundamental rights. The Commission's approach to artificial intelligence, based on trust and excellence, will give citizens the confidence to embrace this technology, while providing businesses with the certainty to invest and develop it.*

*The Commission shares the Riksdag's view that it is crucial to prioritise artificial intelligence research at the European level, but also at the entire process that leads to market applications. The potential for the use of artificial intelligence in the public interest areas, i.e. healthcare, transport and mobility, should be investigated and exploited.*

*The Commission takes seriously the concerns expressed by the Riksdag concerning the challenges connected with an artificial intelligence skills shortage and the need to foster abilities to both develop and use artificial intelligence. Increasing the availability of courses on artificial intelligence and strengthening life-long learning is also a concern for the Commission. It agrees with the Riksdag's opinion that other education providers besides universities and university colleges should be involved.*

*The Commission welcomes the Riksdag's broad support for the aim of the White Paper to integrate fundamental rights and ethical aspects of artificial intelligence into a future regulatory framework. The Commission notes the importance it places on a gender and rights perspective in this respect. The Commission supports the Riksdag's view that a proportional regulatory framework should address the risks of artificial intelligence but*

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*not hamper its development. The Commission shares the Riksdag's opinion that common standards can play an important role in this respect. The Commission emphasises that artificial intelligence for military purposes is excluded from the scope of the White Paper; however, it notes that discussions are ongoing in the context of defence policy and external relations.*

*The Commission takes seriously the concerns expressed by the Riksdag regarding the risk of data monopolies.*

*The Riksdag notes that artificial intelligence needs actions at both national and European levels. The Commission agrees with this view, which is reflected in the joint work on the coordinated plan on artificial intelligence<sup>1</sup>. The Commission welcomes the ongoing work in Sweden, notably in the context of the 2018 'National Approach for Artificial Intelligence'.*

*The Commission values the Riksdag's early engagement at this stage of the policy making process and will take its Opinion and other contributions from the public consultation into account when working on proposals for a future regulatory framework for a trustworthy artificial intelligence. A report on the results of the public consultation and a summary of the contributions received will be published on the Commission's website<sup>2</sup> in due course. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the adoption of the Follow-up to the White Paper on Artificial Intelligence is envisaged for the first quarter 2021<sup>3</sup>.*

*The Commission believes that the political dialogue with national Parliaments is essential for linking the Institutions and the citizens of the European Union, and looks forward to continuing this dialogue with the Riksdag in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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<sup>1</sup> [Communication Coordinated Plan on Artificial Intelligence, COM\(2018\) 795 final](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Public consultation on the White Paper on Artificial Intelligence](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Adjusted Commission Work Programme 2020, COM\(2020\) 440 final](#)