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*Mr Andreas Norlén
Speaker of the Riksdag
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Dear Speaker,

The Commission would like to thank the Riksdag for its Opinion on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions 'REPowerEU: Joint European Action for more affordable, secure and sustainable energy' {COM(2022) 108 final}, adopted on 8 March 2022.

The Commission takes note of the Riksdag's support to its efforts to phase out the European Union's dependency on Russian fossil fuels as soon as possible and accelerate the energy transition.

The REPowerEU Plan¹, adopted on 18 May 2022, translates the March Communication into actions, further paving the way towards the European Union's energy independence from Russia. It sets out measures to save energy, diversify supplies and accelerate the energy transition. This includes proposals for accelerating the rollout of renewable energy and increasing energy efficiency, while expanding the use and production of biomethane and hydrogen.

The Commission also takes note of the role that the Riksdag sees for domestic fossil-free energy sources and in particular bioenergy in the context of phasing out Russian fossil fuels. In the REPowerEU Plan, the Commission acknowledges that bioenergy makes up 60% of renewable energy in the European Union. The Commission suggests that prioritising the use of non-recyclable biomass waste and agricultural and forest residues will ensure a sustainable energy production that can contribute to the REPowerEU objectives.

The Commission counts on the Riksdag's support on the matters proposed in this follow-up Communication to ensure a twofold goal: ending the European Union's dependence on Russian fossil fuels and tackling the climate crisis.

¹ COM(2022) 230 final

We look forward to continuing the political dialogue with the Riksdag in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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