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*Ms Maria Elisabetta ALBERTI CASELLATI
President of the
Senato della Repubblica
Piazza Madama, 1
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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Senato della Repubblica for its Opinion on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 as regards financial discipline as from financial year 2021 and Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 as regards flexibility between pillars in respect of calendar year 2020 {COM(2019) 580 final}.

The Commission welcomes the support of the Senato della Repubblica for the Regulation. The aim of this proposal is to ensure the continuity of the agricultural support in calendar year 2020. The proposal has recently been adopted by both the European Parliament and the Council and entered into force as the Regulation (EU) No 2020/127.¹

As the Senato della Repubblica acknowledges in its Opinion, this proposal forms a part of a broader package of legislative proposals for the agricultural policy beyond 2020, especially with proposed Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council {COM(2019) 581 final}² and legislative proposals for the reform of Common Agricultural Policy.

¹ Regulation (EU) No 2020/127 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 January 2020 amending Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 as regards financial discipline as from financial year 2021 and Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 as regards flexibility between pillars in respect of calendar year 2020; OJ L 27, 31.1.2020.

² Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down certain transitional provisions for the support by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) in the year 2021 and amending Regulations (EU) No 228/2013, (EU) No 229/2013 and (EU) No 1308/2013 as regards resources and their distribution in respect

The Commission shares the view that the future Common Agricultural Policy should establish an effective system that does not result in a bureaucratic burden for the farmers and is sufficiently funded. The discussions on the proposals on the future Common Agricultural Policy and Multiannual Financial Framework are underway and the Commission considers it essential that an agreement will be reached as soon as possible.

In this regard, the Commission welcomes the support of the Senato della Repubblica for its proposal and notes the preference of the Senato della Repubblica to extend the transitional period, as proposed by the parallel proposal COM(2019) 581 final, until the end of 31 December 2022 to allow for sufficient implementation time.

The Commission appreciates that the Senato della Repubblica decided to analyse the proposal and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue with the Senato della Repubblica in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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Vice-President

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