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BRIEF VAN HET SECRETARIAAT-GENERAAL VAN DE EUROPESE COMMISSIE

Aan de voorzitter van de vaste commissie voor Europese Zaken

Brussel, 12 februari 2023

We regret to inform you that, due to a rare clerical error in the Commission, the reasoned Opinion of the Senate of the States General of the Netherlands on the *Commission proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on Soil Monitoring and Resilience* {COM (2023) 416 final} had not been registered and, in consequence, the reply procedure had not been launched in due time.

We would like to sincerely apologize for this error and have immediately brought the Reasoned Opinion of the Dutch Senate to the attention of the relevant services and Cabinets in the Commission. The Senate will receive a reply to its Reasoned Opinion as rapidly as possible.

On substance, however, we realize that the Opinion of the Dutch Senate is identical with the Reasoned Opinion of the Dutch *Tweede Kamer* on the same proposal, transmitted to the Commission almost at the same time, on 6 October 2023. This means that the concerns regarding the Commission's proposal from the perspective of the Dutch Parliament have had the full attention of the Commission. A reply has meanwhile been adopted and was transmitted to the *Tweede Kamer* on 21 January 2024. Although a distinct reply to the Senate of the States General will follow, we would kindly invite you to take note of this reply, attached to this note, to inform the Senate's discussions on the subject.

Again, please accept our apologies.

Enrico Forti