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Dear Ms Pedersen and Ms Meldgaard,

Thank you for transmitting the reply of the Danish Parliament to the Commission's Green Paper on the future of EU budget support. The Commission is encouraged by the Danish Parliament's recognition of the advantages of budget support as a cooperation instrument. Equally important is the acknowledgment of role of the Commission as provider of budget support and promoter of coordination with Member States.

The Commission is very sensitive to the Danish Parliament's constructive contributions, in particular the recommendation to take country specificities into greater account when selecting budget support beneficiaries, to better communicate on the levels of risk associated with budget support and to ensure that oversight institutions are strengthened and civil society is more involved in policy dialogue as result of budget support operations.

The Commission is currently preparing a policy initiative on budget support that draws from the Danish Parliament's contribution and will bring significant progress towards a more coordinated EU approach to budget support.

Yours sincerely,



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