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Answer given by President von der Leyen
on behalf of the European Commission
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The report by Mario Draghi on the future of European competitiveness was prepared on initiative by the Commission, as indicated by the President in her State of the Union address of 2023. As previously explained¹, the Commission appointed Mr Draghi as unpaid Special Adviser to the President of the Commission from 3 October 2023 to 30 September 2024. The Commission made available a team to support him for this specific task, composed of Commission experts in the relevant areas for the duration of the preparation of the report.

In its conclusions of 29-30 June 2023, the European Council called for an independent High-Level Report on the future of the Single Market to be presented at its meeting of March 2024, and invited the incoming presidencies of the Council and the Commission to take this work forward, in consultation with the Member States². In response to that, the Belgian government, the Spanish government and the Commission have asked Mr Letta to write this report³. For this report, Mr Letta did not receive any remuneration by the Commission.

¹ See response to parliamentary question E-003621/2023.

² See European Council meeting (29 and 30 June 2023) – Conclusions, EUCO 7/23.

³ See also the Commission's press release of 15 September 2023, IP/23/4495.