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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Camera Deputaților for its Opinion concerning the Commission's Communication "For a European Industrial Renaissance" {COM (2014) 14 final}.

The Commission appreciates the positive views of the Camera Deputaților for this Communication on industrial policy and notes the Camera Deputaților's support for the Commission's approach, notably with regard to the aim that industry's share of GDP should reach 20 % in the EU in 2020.

In its Opinion the Camera Deputaților raises a number of concerns regarding the fact that the Communication does not foresee new measures for the European industry. In this context, the Commission would like to point out that the Communication builds upon established EU industrial policy. The Commission is consistently following the lines that have been previously agreed such as, for example, the mainstreaming of competitiveness promotion in all relevant European policy areas. In this particular case the Commission has sharpened its instruments for regional development in support of innovation and competitiveness.

The Commission also notes the issues raised by the Camera Deputaților with regard to the importance of the Council's conclusions on industrial policy of 20-21 March 2014. The Commission welcomes these conclusions and is now working towards their full implementation. The Commission also shares the Camera Deputaților's views on the important role of Member States in policy implementation. The Commission has taken note of the Camera Deputaților's opinion concerning subsidies and the need for access to third-country markets. Promoting access to international markets is an important part of the Commission's industrial policy. As concerns subsidies, the Commission is of the opinion that the points raised by the Camera Deputaților have been addressed through the recently adopted Guidelines in the context of the modernisation of State Aids (e.g. Framework for State aid for R&D and innovation¹) as well as through the industrial orientation of cohesion policy.

¹ OJ C 198, 27.6.2014

The Commission hopes that these clarifications address the issues raised by the Camera Deputaților and looks forward to continuing our political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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