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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Camera Deputaților for its Opinion concerning the Communication on a vision for the internal market for industrial products {COM(2014) 25 final}.

The Commission welcomes the support of the Camera Deputaților for many of the conclusions of the Communication.

The Communication notes that enforcement mechanisms are very fragmented in the internal market for industrial products. On the one hand, these mechanisms serve to ensure that Union legislation is correctly applied by businesses as a tool to safeguard important public interests such as health and safety, the protection of the environment and security, and the protection of consumers. On the other hand, enforcement mechanisms help eliminate unfair competition and create a level playing field for economic operators selling through traditional channels and/or through e-commerce.

Following the conclusions of this Communication, the Commission is therefore looking into how certain enforcement shortcomings should be addressed and how economic sanctions of an administrative or civil nature for non-compliance with Union harmonisation legislation could be coordinated, streamlined or made more consistent to ensure equal treatment of all businesses throughout the internal market for industrial products.

To this end, the Commission is starting to gather information on the enforcement of Union harmonisation legislation and the imposition of penalties in the different Member States. The Commission notes the concerns expressed by the Camera Deputaților and will be particularly mindful of ensuring that the principle of subsidiarity is fully respected in any future initiatives in this context.

The Commission is already very vigilant with regard to anti-competitive policies that might be used by large enterprises against SMEs in the area of innovation and the digital future. In this area, the Commission focuses on stopping anti-competitive behaviour, protecting innovation and consumer choice and ensuring equal opportunities to compete.

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Furthermore, the Union legislation relating to mobile phones, tablets, keyboards and other similar products was recently revised and provides for a very high level of protection. Nevertheless, the Commission will keep a close eye on any future developments with respect to products which are frequently used by children but are not specially intended for them.

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

Yours faithfully,

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