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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Narodno Sabranie for its Opinion on the communication on the European Union Strategy for the Danube Region (COM(2010) 715 final).

The Commission has taken good note of the positive assessment of the EU Danube Region Strategy as a new and innovative way of improving cooperation so as to enhance synergies between the different EU programmes and policies. In line with the Narodno Sabranie, the Commission also believes that this is particularly relevant in relation to the new Connecting Europe Facility, as well as in the framework of the current negotiations on the legislative package for the Cohesion Policy 2014-2020.

One year after the adoption of the Strategy, we are now at a crucial point, where we need to achieve concrete results. In this regard, we acknowledge and highly appreciate the strong commitment of your country to the implementation process of the strategy. Further input from the Narodno Sabranie, based for example on the progress report to be published by the Commission and presented to the High Level group, would also be valuable when reflecting on the possible further development of the strategy.

Yours faithfully,

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