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Dear Chair,

The Commission would like to thank the Narodno Sabranie for its Opinion on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on horizontal cybersecurity requirements for products with digital elements and amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 {COM(2022) 454 final}.

The Commission's proposal – the Cyber Resilience Act – presents a key milestone to raising cybersecurity in the EU across all domains. It is the first ever Commission proposal of its kind and aims to establish common mandatory cybersecurity requirements for products with digital elements, throughout their whole lifecycle.

The proposed rules would rebalance the responsibility towards manufacturers, who must ensure conformity with cybersecurity requirements of products with digital elements that are made available on the EU market. As a result, these rules benefit business users and consumers by improving the transparency of the security properties. They also promote trust in products with digital elements and contribute to ensuring a better protection of privacy and personal data.

The Commission has taken good note of the Narodno Sabranie's call for the new rules and obligations under the proposed Regulation to be specified in such a way that they do not impose unnecessary administrative burden on economic operators or jeopardize the competitiveness of smaller companies and that they preserve consumer choice and information.

Indeed, the Commission has taken great care in the preparation of the proposal to ensure a proportionate approach that fosters openness, competitiveness and innovation. As proposed by the Commission, the Cyber Resilience Act would set cybersecurity requirements for all products with digital elements, hardware and software, that will be placed on the Union's internal market, irrespective of whether the manufacturers are EU

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or non-EU based. The impact of the Cyber Resilience Act on European companies is expected to be similar to the one on non-European companies. As proposed by the Commission, the Cyber Resilience Act is likely to become an international point of reference. EU standards based on the Cyber Resilience Act will facilitate its implementation and will be an asset for the EU cybersecurity industry in global markets.

Furthermore, the Cyber Resilience Act is expected to enhance the reputation of manufacturers of products with digital elements on the EU market by demonstrating that they are meeting high security standards, thus contributing positively to build Europe's global technology leadership in the hardware and software market.

The Narodno Sabranie's Opinion has been made available to the Commission's representatives in the ongoing negotiations of the co-legislators, the European Parliament and the Council, and will inform these discussions.

The Commission hopes that the clarifications provided in this reply address the issues raised by the Narodno Sabranie and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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