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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Poslanecká sněmovna for its Opinion on the Communication on the Energy Roadmap 2050 {COM(2011) 885 final} and apologizes for the delay in replying.*

*The Commission shares the Chamber's views on many important points and agrees that a comprehensive and fair global climate change agreement is necessary to mitigate climate change, and that it would help to ensure a level playing field on global markets. In the absence of such an agreement, the Commission is committed to continuing measures to prevent carbon leakage and otherwise enhance competitiveness of the EU economy.*

*The Commission also agrees that Member States have in principle the right to choose between the exploitation of different energy sources provided that EU law is fully respected; that any further legislative proposals should continue to take into account national specific circumstances and that economic and financial impacts of energy transition must be fully considered. The Poslanecká sněmovna also correctly underlines the important contributions from energy efficiency as well as the need for more and smarter energy infrastructure in order to allow for higher shares of renewable energies.*

*Regarding the Chamber's points on nuclear and CCS (Carbon Capture and Storage), the Roadmap does not choose a preferred pathway but rather shows possible development in previously defined assumptions and fully acknowledges uncertainty about future technology, price and other developments. Nuclear energy is a decarbonisation option that today provides most of the EU's low-carbon electricity. While the analysis of the Roadmap 2050 suggests that long-term transition of the energy system is possible also with only a limited contribution from nuclear, it also shows that nuclear energy contributes to lower system costs and lower electricity prices. Uncertainty about the commercial roll-out of CCS is explicitly addressed in the Roadmap scenarios and the Commission shares the Chamber's view that technical and economic viability of this technology still need to be demonstrated.*

*The Commission hopes that these explanations address the issues raised by the Poslanecká sněmovna and looks forward to continuing our policy dialogue in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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