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Dear Chair,

The Commission would like to thank the Poslanecká sněmovna for its Opinion on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions 2030 – Digital Compass: the European way for the Digital Decade {COM(2021) 118 final}.

The Communication responds to the European Council's call in October 2020 for the Commission to present a Digital Compass by March 2021. The Commission is not only proposing a digital decade vision with ambitious goals for the European Union, but also a robust governance and monitoring mechanism to be fleshed out in a Digital Compass policy programme.

The Programme will also include concrete objectives and practical tools to facilitate its implementation, notably a mechanism for the Commission to engage with Member States to identify and address weaknesses and to launch and shape Multi-Country Projects. It will also include a reporting and monitoring process, to ensure that we follow the trajectory and deliver on the common 2030 objectives.

The Commission welcomes the Poslanecká sněmovna's broad support for the different elements of the Communication and notes its doubts relating to the justification for the target of 75% of European businesses using cloud services, high-volume data and artificial intelligence by 2030.

Setting ambitious but achievable targets supported by the right framework for delivery will give a renewed impetus to meeting the EU's commitment to the digital transformation. Enabling the EU to pursue digital policies that empower people and businesses to seize a human centred, sustainable and more prosperous digital future.

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The Commission also takes due note of the views expressed by the Poslanecká sněmovna regarding the vital human factor in digitalised decision-making processes as well as the possibility for citizens to have access to physical services next to the digital ones.

The Commission will take the Poslanecká sněmovna's Opinion and other contributions received from the targeted public consultation into account in developing its proposal. The Commission intends to present a proposal before the end of the year.

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

Yours faithfully,

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