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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Assemblée nationale for its Opinion concerning the 2030 Framework for climate and energy policy {COM(2014) 15 final}.*

*The Commission welcomes the interest of the Assemblée nationale in this important policy area and takes note of the supportive views expressed in its Opinion. In that regard the Commission would also like to recall its recently adopted Communication on the Framework Strategy on the Energy Union {COM(2015) 80 final}. The Energy Union is based on the three long-established objectives of EU energy policy: security of supply, sustainability and competitiveness. To reach these objectives, the Energy Union focuses on five mutually supportive dimensions: Energy security, solidarity and trust; the internal energy market; energy efficiency as a contribution to the moderation of energy demand; decarbonisation of the economy; and research, innovation and competitiveness.*

*As regards the 2030 Framework for climate and energy policy the Commission welcomes the support of the Assemblée nationale for setting a binding greenhouse gas emissions reduction target of 40%. The Commission also notes the Assemblée nationale's support for a reduction by 43% of the sector covered by the EU emissions trading system (ETS) while cutting emissions from sectors outside the ETS by 30%. The Commission agrees that these two measures are necessary to achieve the 40% target.*

*The Commission also welcomes the Assemblée nationale's support to setting a binding energy efficiency target. In that regard the Commission wishes to recall that in October 2014, the European Council concluded that “an indicative target at the EU level of at least 27% is set for improving energy efficiency in 2030 compared to projections of future energy consumption based on the current criteria”. In line with the European Council conclusions this will be reviewed by 2020, having in mind an EU level of 30% as proposed by the Commission.*

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*As regards renewable energy, the Commission proposed an objective of increasing the share of renewable energy to at least 27% of the EU's energy consumption by 2030. In October 2014, the European Council endorsed this target which is binding at EU level.*

*The Commission shares the view of the Assemblée nationale that the Investment Plan presented by President Juncker in November 2014 is instrumental to financing investments in infrastructure necessary for the implementation of the 2030 Framework for climate and energy policy. In that regard, acceleration of investment is particularly crucial for the energy sector.*

*The Commission hopes that these clarifications address the issues raised by the Assemblée nationale and looks forward to continuing our political dialogue in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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