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Dear Chair,

The Commission would like to thank the Országgyűlés for its Opinion on the 2019 Communication on EU Enlargement Policy {COM(2019) 260 final}.

The Communication on enlargement set out the way forward and took stock of the situation and progress in meeting the requirements for EU membership in the candidate countries and potential candidates. In addition, the enlargement package contained the Reports in which the Commission services presented their detailed assessment of the state of play in each candidate country and potential candidate and set out guidelines on reform priorities.

The Commission welcomes the unanimous support of Országgyűlés for the enlargement policy of the European Union.

The Commission is pleased that the Országgyűlés shares the view that the progress achieved by Albania and North Macedonia justified the recommendation by the Commission to open accession negotiations with these countries.

While there is progress in some fields, Montenegro and Serbia are yet to act with greater determination and substantially increase their efforts in crucial areas. The countries urgently need to implement reforms in the rule of law area more strongly and credibly.

The Commission has taken due note of the views expressed by the Országgyűlés in its Opinion. The European perspective of the Western Balkans will remain on the agenda of the Commission.

The Commission looks forward to continuing the political dialogue with the Országgyűlés in the future.

Yours faithfully

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