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Dear Chair,

The Commission would like to thank the Országgyűlés for its Opinion on the Commission's 2020 Work Programme {COM(2020) 37 final} and its adjusted version {COM(2020) 440 final}.

The Commission welcomes the support of the Országgyűlés to the adjusted Work Programme's emphasis on emergence and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic within the framework of President von der Leyen's headline ambitions. This strong focus on recovery is reflected in the proposals on the NextGenerationEU recovery instrument and on the multiannual financial framework 2021-2027, and the Commission very much welcomes, in this regard, the unanimous agreement reached by the European Council on 21 July 2020. It also agrees with the Országgyűlés on the importance of the adoption of the decision on own resources. National Parliaments will have an essential direct role to play when this decision has to be approved, after its adoption by the Council, by each Member State in accordance with its constitutional requirements, and the Commission is confident that the Országgyűlés will do its utmost to facilitate the swift entry into force of the decision.

The Commission shares the aspirations of the Országgyűlés in relation to the Western Balkan countries and to the negotiations on the future partnership between the European Union and the United Kingdom. On the latter point, it would like to point out that negotiations on the future partnership between the EU and the UK remain premised on the full implementation of the Withdrawal Agreement, agreed and ratified by those parties, in all dimensions and by the end of the transition period.

The Conference on the Future of Europe is a joint undertaking by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission, acting as equal partners and in close partnership with the Member States of the European Union. In that respect, I am pleased

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to refer to the Commission's Communication of 22 January¹, which underlines the important role of national Parliaments in making the Conference a success. The European Parliament, the Council and the Commission are currently negotiating a Joint Declaration on the scope, objectives and structure of the Conference.

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

Yours faithfully,

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¹ COM(2020) 27 final