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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Camera dei Deputati for its Opinions on the Communications from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: Towards a deep and genuine Economic and Monetary Union, The introduction of a Convergence and Competitiveness Instrument {COM(2013) 165 final} and Ex ante coordination of plans for major economic policy reforms {COM(2013) 166 final}.

The Commission takes note of the views of the Camera dei Deputati on the initiatives set out in the Communications.

On the basis of feedback received on the Communications and taking into account the relevant European Council conclusions, the Commission will decide how to move forward.

The Camera dei Deputati underlines the importance of preventing duplication of existing instruments, and the need to reinforce existing procedures where possible. The Commission considers the implementation of tools and procedures that have already been agreed a key priority. Where new instruments would be agreed, they should build on the existing framework and particularly on the European Semester and the related provisions. Duplication and unnecessary administrative burden should be prevented.

The Camera dei Deputati also strongly underlines the importance of the involvement of Parliaments in any new procedures. The Commission attaches the highest importance to the democratic legitimacy and accountability of national economic reforms.

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The Commission hopes that these clarifications address the concerns and issues raised by the Camera dei Deputati and looks forward to continuing our political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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