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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Camera dei Deputati for its Opinion on the Communications on Shaping Europe's digital future {COM(2020)67 final}, a European Strategy for Data {COM(2020)66 final} and the White Paper on Artificial Intelligence {COM(2020)65 final}.*

*The three Communications, adopted in February 2020, have set the Commission's agenda in the field of digital policy, data and Artificial Intelligence for the next five years.*

*The Commission's ambitious digital agenda aims for every citizen, every employee and every business to have a fair chance in our increasingly digitised society – a European model for digitalisation.*

*The Commission welcomes the Camera dei Deputati's broad support for its objectives and notes the recommendations outlined in the Opinion, in particular on ensuring the necessary financing for the digital transition and on ensuring that digitalisation respects European fundamental rights and values.*

*The Commission has already adopted a number of proposals to deliver on its policy commitments, notably the Data Governance Act<sup>1</sup>, the Digital Services Act<sup>2</sup>, the Digital Markets Act<sup>3</sup>, the revised Directive on Security of Network and Information Systems<sup>4</sup> and recently the Regulation on establishing a framework for a European Digital Identity.<sup>5</sup> Later in 2021, the Commission will adopt several new initiatives, including a Data Act, a Circular Electronics Initiative and a proposal for improving conditions for platform workers.*

*As underlined in the Camera dei Deputati's Opinion, all relevant stakeholders (business, academia, civil society) can contribute to the process, through public consultations and constant dialogue, using all fora available. Commission's legislative proposals are accompanied by thorough impact assessments and are discussed with the co-legislators - the European Parliament and the Council.*

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<sup>1</sup> COM(2020) 767

<sup>2</sup> COM(2020) 825

<sup>3</sup> COM(2020) 842

<sup>4</sup> COM(2020) 823

<sup>5</sup> COM(2021) 281

*The Commission shares the vision of the Camera dei Deputati on the creation of a European single market for data as a strategic objective for the Union, where data-driven innovation would bring enormous benefits for citizens and for companies, especially small and medium-sized enterprises. The Commission proposal for a Regulation on European data governance<sup>6</sup> will provide a horizontal framework to support data sharing across various sectors in a way that fully complies with the European values and rules, such as the protection of personal data.*

*The Commission welcomes the support of the Camera dei Deputati on the strategic orientations and the human-centric vision in the field of artificial intelligence. On 21 April 2021, building on the White Paper on Artificial Intelligence and the subsequent public consultation, the Commission adopted a comprehensive package on artificial intelligence. This package includes a proposal for the first-ever legal framework on artificial intelligence<sup>7</sup> and the first review of the Coordinated Plan on Artificial Intelligence.*

*The proposal for a legal framework aims at laying down rules to ensure that artificial intelligence systems used in the European Union are safe and do not compromise fundamental rights. In particular, specific requirements are set for high-risk artificial intelligence systems, including with regard to transparency, ability to explain results and human oversight. The proposal complements all existing EU acquis on data protection and fundamental rights.*

*The review of the Coordinated Plan on Artificial Intelligence defines concrete actions and funding possibilities aimed at driving wider uptake of artificial intelligence across the European Union and making the EU the place where excellence thrives from the laboratory to the market.*

*In her State of the European Union speech in September 2020, Commission President von der Leyen called for 20% of the Recovery and Resilience Facility to be invested in digital area and outlined her vision for Europe's Digital Decade. As underlined in the Opinion, this financing opportunity will allow the European Union to accelerate investment in next generation networks, super- and quantum computing, and data infrastructures, such as those for the cloud and at the edge. It is vital for Europe to have the necessary digital sovereignty along the entire value chain in order to ensure digitalisation according to European rules and values.*

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

*Yours faithfully,*

*Maroš Šefčovič  
Vice-President*

*Thierry Breton  
Member of the Commission*

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<sup>6</sup> COM(2020) 767

<sup>7</sup> COM(2021) 206