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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Camera dei Deputati for its Opinion on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2018/842 on binding annual greenhouse gas emission reductions by Member States from 2021 to 2030 contributing to climate action to meet commitments under the Paris Agreement {COM(2021) 555}.

The proposal was tabled as part of the Commission's 'Fit for 55' package consisting in a set of interrelated and integrated measures that aim to reduce the EU's net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030 and to help achieve climate neutrality by 2050, in accordance with the European Climate Law.

In response to the specific observations made by the Camera dei Deputati, the Commission would like to make the following remarks.

The Commission fully agrees with the Camera dei Deputati on the need to examine the 'Fit for 55' proposals, paying close attention to their multiple interlinkages. The discussions on the package in the European Parliament and the Council also fully reflect the importance of such an integrated approach.

The Commission also concurs with the Camera dei Deputati on the importance of maintaining adequate flexibilities to help Member States reduce emissions under the Effort Sharing Regulation in a cost-efficient manner. It also agrees on the need to retain the 'safety reserve'. The Commission proposal provides for the creation of an 'additional reserve' from which Member States that meet certain conditions may choose to benefit.

At the same time, in light of the changes in accounting under the proposed Regulation on Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF) and the role of net removals in achieving the European Union's overall 2030 greenhouse gas emission reduction target framed by the European Climate Law, the proposed split with respect to the use of the

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LULUCF flexibility in the Effort Sharing Regulation in two separate periods (2021-2025 and 2026-2030) is key.

As reflected in the REPowerEU plan presented on 18 May 2022, the Commission is convinced that full implementation of the 'Fit for 55' proposals is an essential stepping stone towards the phase-out of the European Union's dependence on Russian fossil fuels. This is why the plan put forward a set of additional actions to accelerate Europe's clean energy transition.

Finally, to take account of the possible effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the level of greenhouse gas emissions in the European Union, the Commission proposal provides for an update, in 2025, of the annual emission allocations for the period 2026-2030.

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

Yours faithfully,

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