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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Camera dei Deputati for its Opinion on the proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the 2030 Policy Programme “Path to the Digital Decade” {COM(2021)574 final}.*

*The Commission welcomes the Camera dei Deputati’s positive opinion on the proposal and, with respect to the Camera dei Deputati’s observations, would like to note the following points.*

*With regard to the first point, it is important that the proposal takes national circumstances duly into account. The proposed decision requires to consider national specificities and provides that each Member State will set out the specific national trajectories on how to contribute to common EU targets that will be taken as a reference to monitor progress for that Member State.*

*Regarding the second point, the Commission is already coordinating closely with the Digital Policy Strategic Group, an advisory group composed of DG-level representatives from relevant ministries from all Member States, on the elaboration of key performance indicators for each target. The proposal provides that the Commission must adopt an implementing act setting out key performance indicators for each digital target. The procedure for adopting implementing acts provides for a regular and decisive involvement of Member States throughout the procedure. The implementing act, in line with ‘comitology’ rules, will be finalized through a committee consisting of representatives of all Member States.*

*On the third point, the Commission would like to clarify that the national strategic roadmaps that Member States will present to kick off the Path to the Digital Decade are expected to include and build on the national recovery and resilience plans. The Commission agrees indeed that it is important that those programmes of investments and reforms are well coordinated.*

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*On the fourth and fifth points, the Commission shares the Camera dei Deputati's views on the need to clarify the complementarity between the recommendations under Article 9 of the Policy Programme and those issued in the context of the European Semester to avoid any duplication between the monitoring and cooperation mechanism under the Policy Programme and the European Semester. That is an issue raised by several Member States in the course of negotiations, and the Commission will advise the co-legislators on the importance to ensure coordination between the two instruments. The Digital Decade process framework will offer a higher level of granularity of analysis and detail of recommendations necessary to pilot the digital transformation. In addition, the Digital Decade Reports will be issued by the Commission while the recommendations under the European Semester are adopted by the Council. The timeline of the Policy Programme and the European Semester processes should be aligned so that there can be cross-references to Digital Economy and Society Index (DESI) and Digital Decade Reports in the Spring European Semester package. Also, given that both processes use the same underlying data, the recommendations should be coherent. The data and information collected during the Digital Decade process, in particular based on the DESI quantitative monitoring, should continue to underpin the work within the European Semester and provide an overall picture of where Europe stands in terms of attainment of the EU level targets.*

*Finally, with respect to the need to clarify the reference under Article 9(4) to the powers that the Commission may exercise under the Treaties, the Commission would like to clarify that the proposal aimed to refer to the Commission's powers related to the enforcement of the collaborative process.*

*Discussions between the co-legislators concerning the proposal are now underway and the Commission remains hopeful that a political agreement will be reached in the near future.*

*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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