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Dear Chair,

The Commission would like to thank the Saeima for its Opinion on the Commission Work Programme for 2016 {COM(2015) 610 final} and for its support for the new initiatives aimed at addressing the serious challenges that the EU faces today.

The Commission has already presented a number of initiatives prioritized by the Saeima, such as the European Bank Deposit Insurance Scheme, the Firearms and Security Packages, the Border Management Package, a first set of measures on copyright, the Anti-Tax Avoidance Package and the Security of Gas Supply Package. The Commission presented the Action Plan on VAT on 23 March, and will adopt the New Skills Agenda for Europe in May. The Commission is also working on a number of proposals under the Digital Single Market Strategy. The European asylum framework and a renewed approach on legal migration will be high on the agenda in the coming months.

The Commission looks forward to receiving specific opinions from the Saeima on the key initiatives identified and to continuing our political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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