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President
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**ON THE PRIORITIES OF THE SEIMAS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA UNDER
THE COMMISSION WORK PROGRAMME 2021**

Dear Madam President,

The Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania has thoroughly examined the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, *Commission Work Programme 2021. A Union of vitality in a world of fragility (COM(2020) 690 final)* (hereinafter referred to as the Commission Work Programme).

Having considered the Commission Work Programme and having assessed the new initiatives set forth therein, the specialised committees of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania have identified the initiatives of relevance and of high relevance for Lithuania. The Committee on European Affairs and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania (hereinafter referred to as the Committees) summarised the conclusions of the specialised committees of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania at a joint meeting; *acknowledged* that the initiatives in the Commission Work Programme were related to all the six headline ambitions outlined in the Political Guidelines and deriving from your first State of the Union Address; *and took into account that* the Commission Work Programme focused on initiatives for a fairer, healthier, greener, and more digital society. *Being aware* that recent changes in climate, digital technologies, and geopolitics have already had a major impact on society and influenced the Commission Work Programme; *realising* that the European Commission, through its new initiatives, aims to put the COVID-19 crisis under control and increase the resilience of the European economy and its citizens; *considering* that the Commission Work

Programme 2021 is closely linked to the Recovery plan for Europe, the economic recovery instrument *NextGenerationEU* and the increased EU budget for the period 2021–2027; *supporting* the need to explain the measures under implementation to the citizens of EU Member States and to take their views into account; *being aware* of the associated pressing need to launch a debate on the Conference on the Future of Europe; *welcoming* the initiatives aimed at reaching the ambition of the European Green Deal to be the first climate neutral continent and the measures to fit the 55 % target, as well as the measures for digitalisation, innovation, creation of common data spaces and harmonisation of rules and technical standards of EU Member States; measures for promoting the role of industry by ensuring sustainable growth, employment, and economic development in Europe; levelling the playing field as regards foreign subsidies; deepening the Capital Markets Union; completing the Banking Union; establishment of an the EU green bond standard; strengthening the framework for the prevention of money laundering and terrorist financing in the EU and its Member States; an action plan for the full implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights and other measures to reduce social exclusion; coordinated EU policies on research, innovation, education, youth, and child protection; European capacity building in the field of health; preserving and improving the Schengen area; and the Commission’s aim to step up the fight against gender-based violence; *being aware* that the Commission Work Programme envisages a shift from strategy to delivery of all the six political priorities; *regretting the lack* of ambition in the Eastern Partnership policy; and *welcoming* the Commission’s determination to continue pursuing its priorities set at the beginning of its mandate and concurrently revitalising Europe, have approved the priorities of the Seimas under the Commission Work Programme 2021.

The currently applicable regulation stipulates that an annual work programme of the European Commission, upon receipt by the Seimas, shall be forwarded to specialised committees of the Seimas for consideration within their remit with a view to presenting reasoned conclusions on the relevance for Lithuania of the initiatives under the annual work programme by assigning them to one of the following categories: highly relevant, relevant, and moderately relevant. This way, specialised committees of the Seimas undertake to actively participate in the preparation of appropriate positions of the Republic of Lithuania.

Having received the conclusions of the specialised committees, the Committees on Foreign and European Affairs summarise them at a joint meeting and present their joint conclusion to the Government and the European Union institutions with a view to achieving constructive progress on the most relevant matters for Lithuania.

Please find attached the priorities of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania under the Commission Work Programme 2021, 1 page.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of the Committee

Priorities of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania under the Commission Work Programme 2021

Serial No	European Commission Work Programme Initiative No	Title of the proposal or legislative act	Joint conclusion of the Committees on European Affairs and Foreign Affairs
1.	1.	Fit for 55 package	Highly relevant
2.	2.	Circular economy package	Highly relevant
3.	3.	Biodiversity and toxic-free environment package	Highly relevant
4.	4.	Sustainable and smart mobility	Relevant
5.	5.	Europe's digital decade	Highly relevant
6.	6.	Data package	Highly relevant
7.	7.	Digital levy	Highly relevant
8.	9.	Platform workers	Relevant
9.	10.	Industrial strategy for Europe	Highly relevant
10.	11.	Foreign subsidies	Highly relevant
11.	14.	Deepening the Capital Markets Union	Highly relevant
12.	16.	EU green bond standard	Highly relevant
13.	17.	Anti-money laundering package	Highly relevant
14.	18.	Fair economy package	Highly relevant
15.	20.	Deterring and counteracting coercive actions by third countries	Relevant
16.	21.	Performance framework 2021-2027	Relevant
17.	22.	Completing the Banking Union	Highly relevant
18.	23.	Excise duties package	Relevant
19.	24.	Strengthening the EU's contribution to rules-based multilateralism	Highly relevant
20.	26.	Southern Neighbourhood	Relevant
21.	28.	Research, innovation, education and youth	Highly relevant
22.	31.	European biomedical research and development	Highly relevant
23.	32.	European health data space	Relevant
24.	33.	Follow-up initiatives under the new pact on migration and asylum	Relevant
25.	34.	Schengen package	Highly relevant
26.	35.	Follow-up to the EU security strategy	Relevant
27.	36.	Follow-up to the European Education Area and a updated skills agenda	Highly relevant
28.	37.	EU strategy on combating antisemitism	Relevant
29.	38.	Rights of children	Highly relevant
30.	39.	Preventing and combating specific forms of gender-based violence	Highly relevant
31.	40.	Fighting hate crime and hate speech	Relevant
32.	42.	Transparency and democracy package	Relevant
33.	43.	Long-term vision for rural areas	Relevant
34.	44.	EU disability strategy	Relevant

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