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**CONCERNING THE PRIORITIES OF THE SEIMAS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA
UNDER THE COMMISSION WORK PROGRAMME 2022**

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 2022. Making Europe stronger together* COM/2021/645 final (hereinafter referred to as the Commission work programme).

Having considered the Commission work programme and assessed the planned new initiatives, the specialised committees of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania have identified the initiatives that are highly relevant and relevant for Lithuania. At the joint meeting of the Seimas Committees on European Affairs and on Foreign Affairs (hereinafter referred to as the Committees), the Committees, *having summarised* the conclusions of the Seimas' specialised committees; *having taken into account the fact* that the initiatives presented in the Commission work programme relate to all six headline ambitions of the Political Guidelines of Ursula von der Leyen, President of the Commission, and stem from her State of the Union Address 2021; *having regard to the fact that* the Commission work programme focuses on initiatives to build a Europe that is greener, fairer, more digital, more resilient and globally stronger; *conscious* that the European Commission's new initiatives aim at curbing the COVID-19 crisis, ensuring that the European economy works for people, and building a fairer, more resilient and more cohesive society; *having regard to the fact that* the Commission work programme 2022 is closely linked to the combined firepower of the Union's long-term budget and *NextGenerationEU*, which already provide an opportunity to lay the foundations for an inclusive recovery and steer further the Union towards sustainable recovery by fostering additional public and private investments across the Union and encouraging reforms to come to succeed in the green and digital transitions; *agreeing* on the need for greater involvement of citizens of EU Member States in EU policy-making and on all the more urgent importance of continuing the debate launched at the Conference on the Future of Europe; *welcoming* the initiatives aimed at delivering the ambition under the European Green Deal to be the first climate-neutral continent and the measures fit for reducing emissions by at least 55 percent by 2030; developing the circular economy; pursuing the digital transformation and innovation; introducing common standards for cyber resilience at European level; following up on the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan; building connectivity partnerships that promote trade and investment; strengthening Europe's influence in a fast-changing geopolitical world and defending its values and interests; delivering the goal to reach swift agreement on the remaining legislative proposals under the New Pact for Migration and

Asylum; pursuing the global energy transition and cleaning up the oceans; ensuring that young Europeans have the opportunity to shape the future and integrate themselves into education, vocational training or quality employment; protecting media freedom and pluralism; developing a future-proof and crisis-resistant pharmaceuticals system as well as further boosting life-saving cancer screening and early diagnosis; *welcoming* the determination of the European Commission to pursue its priorities set out at the beginning of its mandate and to rebuild Europe together, have endorsed the priorities of the Seimas under the Commission work programme 2022.

Under the current legal framework, once the Seimas receives the annual work programme of the European Commission, it is forwarded to the specialised committees of the Seimas, which are asked to consider the Commission work programme in their respective areas of competence and to submit reasoned conclusions on the relevance to Lithuania of the initiatives provided for in this programme by assigning the initiatives to one of the following categories: highly relevant, relevant or moderately relevant. In this way, the specialised committees of the Seimas undertake to be pro-active in the preparation of the respective positions of the Republic of Lithuania.

Having received the conclusions of the specialised committees, the Committees summarise them at a joint meeting and, in order to work constructively on the most pressing issues for Lithuania, communicate their joint conclusion to the Government, the specialised committees, the Permanent Representative of the Seimas to the European Union and the institutions of the European Union.

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Yours sincerely,

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Priorities of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania under the Commission Work Programme 2022

Serial No	European Commission Work Programme Initiative No	Title of the proposal or legislative act	Joint conclusion of the Committees on European and Foreign Affairs
1.	1.	Zero pollution package	Highly relevant
2.	2.	Climate measures package	Highly relevant
3.	3.	Circular economy	Highly relevant
4.	4.	Plastics package	Highly relevant
5.	5.	Biodiversity and Farm to fork	Highly relevant
6.	6.	Cyber resilience	Highly relevant
7.	7.	Semi-conductors	Highly relevant
8.	8.	Security and defence	Relevant
9.	9.	Innovative and sustainable space	Relevant
10.	10.	Digital in education and skills	Relevant
11.	11.	Single market	Highly relevant
12.	12.	Multimodal digital mobility	Relevant
13.	13.	Protection of workers	Relevant
14.	14.	Small and medium sized enterprises	Relevant
15.	15.	Instant payments	Relevant
16.	16.	Deepening the Capital Markets Union	Relevant
17.	17.	Fair taxation	Relevant
18.	18.	Minimum income	Highly relevant
19.	20.	Blocking statute	Relevant
20.	21.	International energy engagement	Relevant
21.	24.	European care strategy	Relevant
22.	25.	Advance passenger information	Relevant
23.	27.	Cancer screening	Relevant
24.	28.	Education package	Relevant
25.	29.	Media freedom	Relevant
26.	31.	Recognition of parenthood between Member States	Relevant
27.	32.	Equality bodies	Relevant
28.	12.	Proposal for an EU governments interoperability strategy (REFIT)	Relevant
29.	23.	Revision of the victims' rights acquis (REFIT)	Relevant