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*Dear President,*

*The European Commission would like to thank the Romanian Chamber of Deputies for having examined the Communication on the Roadmap for moving to a competitive low carbon economy COM(2011)112 and for having provided an opinion on the issue. Apologies for the delay in replying to your opinion.*

*The Commission shares the view of the Chamber of Deputies that the development and early deployment of competitive low carbon technologies is of paramount importance for their cost-effective and large-scale penetration in the EU later on. By putting in place important demonstration programmes on renewables and carbon capture and storage (CCS) the Commission aims at ensuring that in the future we have as many cost-effective options open as possible.*

*According to the 2050 Low-Carbon Roadmap, the ETS will remain the corner-stone of the EU climate policy and will be critical in driving a wide range of low carbon technologies into the market. However in order to play this role on the identified pathway to 2050, both a sufficient carbon price signal and long-term predictability are necessary.*

*The 2050 Low-Carbon Roadmap indicates that low-carbon electricity system can be achieved in a variety of ways and is not dependent on a single technology such as CCS or nuclear. After 2020, the role of nuclear as well as coal with CCS will depend to a large extent on how far they are competitive compared with alternative technologies, given safety provisions and economic and emissions reduction constraints.*

*I would like to thank you again for the opinion of the Romanian Chamber of Deputies whilst apologising for the undue delay in our response. I hope that these explanations serve to clarify the points raised in the opinion.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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