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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank you for the opinion of the Camera Deputatilor on the White Paper "Roadmap to a Single Transport Area – Towards a competitive and resource efficient transport system" (COM(2011) 144 final).

We welcome your view that the White Paper represents an essential element for reaching the objectives of the Europe 2020 Strategy and that it includes timely and realistic goals and actions and take note of your detailed recommendations which will be carefully considered.

The White Paper recognises that the fragmentation of research and development efforts in Europe hampers progress in reducing harmful emissions in transport. It is through a joint effort that the EU can capitalise in areas such as clean, safe and silent vehicles for all different modes of transport; potential new or unconventional transport systems and vehicles; and intelligent infrastructure. This should also stimulate the transfer of know-how, with beneficial effects on European cohesion.

In line with the objectives of the White Paper, there is need to promote the use of available best practices and innovative technologies for saving fuel and reducing emissions, especially targeting small and medium-sized enterprises.

Attaining the goals of the White Paper will require action at European but also national, regional and local levels. The White Paper acknowledges that each proposal will be preceded by a thorough impact assessment, considering EU added value and subsidiarity aspects.

We count on working together with the Camera Deputatilor to create a genuine Single European Transport Area and transform the European transport system into a competitive and resource efficient system.

I look forward to continuing our dialogue on these important issues.

Yours faithfully,

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