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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Camera Deputaților for its Opinion on the Energy Roadmap 2050 {COM(2011) 885 final}.

The Commission agrees on the need and urgency for investment in our infrastructure, as our efforts today will pay back in the future. The Commission also agrees that urban waste is a useful source of energy production. However, given the fact that the roadmap explores potential routes towards a low-carbon energy system in 2050 while allowing the Member States to make the required energy choices themselves, it would not have been appropriate in this initiative to comment in detail on Member States' choice of energy-mix.

The Commission understands the Camera Deputaților's point on energy self-sufficiency/autocconsumption on a regional/country level as a possibility for economic development. Nevertheless, the Commission prefers to put the term "self-sufficiency" rather in a European than in a regional/country context. Indeed, it seems difficult and cost-inefficient for individual Member States to reach full energy autarky. Furthermore, the goal should be to become less dependent on energy imports as a Union and to help each other when there is a shortage in part of it. The upcoming transition of the energy system is an excellent opportunity for all of us to think more "European", and we should take advantage of it while, of course, not neglecting regional aspects.

It is acknowledged that all energy generation may have an impact on health and the environment. Therefore, it is all the more important that we focus on reducing and avoiding polluting emissions and safety risks. Nuclear safety is a priority for the EU and we have to continue all our efforts to develop reliable technologies which can address both nuclear waste management and safety concerns.

Finally, the Commission takes due note of the Camera Deputaților's input on the social dimension with regard to life-long learning programmes and means for self-study.

The Commission looks forward to continuing our political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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