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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Camera Deputaților for its Opinion concerning the Communication on a policy framework for climate and energy in the period from 2020 to 2030 {COM(2014) 15 final}, and its overall support of the 2030 framework.

In view of the Camera Deputaților's comments and observations, the Commission would like to make the following observations. The Commission would like to recall that the 2030 policy framework aims at giving Member States the flexibility they need to choose policies that best match their national circumstances, while ensuring progress towards a competitive, secure and sustainable energy system. Furthermore the Commission has indicated that when implementing the framework, distributional factors between Member States will need to be taken into account.

Regarding energy subsidies, the Commission would like to underline that it indeed suggests a gradual move to market-based support for renewable energy. However for immature technologies with significant potential to contribute cost-effectively to renewable energy some transitional provisions would still be allowed.

Regarding the concerns raised by the Camera Deputaților on competitiveness, economic growth and effort sharing, the Commission would like to refer to the Impact Assessment accompanying the Communication that addresses these issues.

The Commission underlines that the further development of the internal energy market is key to ensure competitive prices and security of supply. A fully integrated and competitive energy market could result in cost savings of between EUR 40 - 70 billion up to 2030 as compared to today.

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While the Camera Deputaților considers that the target of 40 % emissions reductions is only acceptable if an international agreement is concluded, the Commission's position is that the EU climate objective should be adopted well ahead as a contribution to the 21st Convention of the Parties in order to favour the achievement of an ambitious agreement in Paris in 2015.

Finally, the Commission takes note of the proposal made by the Camera Deputaților to include the Eastern Partnership in its long-term strategic vision on energy and climate issues.

The Commission thanks again the Camera Deputaților for its support of the 2030 climate and energy framework and looks forward to continuing our political dialogue on this important issue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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