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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Camera Deputaților for its Opinion concerning the Commission's Communication "Taking stock of the Europe 2020 strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth" {COM(2014) 130 final}.

The Commission appreciates the support of the Camera Deputaților for the stock-taking exercise of the Europe 2020 strategy and its interest in the public consultation. As highlighted in the Communication, awareness and ownership by all relevant actors, including national Parliaments, is a crucial prerequisite for the success of the strategy.

The Commission agrees with the Camera Deputaților on the fact that growth and jobs, which are at the core of the Europe 2020 strategy, remain key priorities for the EU and its Member States. As a result of the efforts made over the last years and the subsequent improvement in the economic outlook of European economies, the emphasis has gradually shifted from addressing crisis emergencies to preparing the ground for sustainable growth and employment in a post-crisis economy.

As regards progress achieved so far towards the Europe 2020 targets, the Commission would like to point out, in line with the content of its stock-taking communication, that overall in 2012, 17 countries including Romania had levels of primary energy consumption below their indicative national targets. Furthermore, in its Opinion, the Camera Deputaților underlines the positive impact of the economic crisis on the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. The Commission would like to emphasise the contribution of current climate and energy policies to this outcome. In addition, the EU is steadily decoupling growth in economic activities from greenhouse gas emissions – between 1990 and 2012, EU GDP grew by 45% and emissions decreased by 18%.

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The Commission hopes that these comments address the points raised by the Camera Deputaților in its Opinion and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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