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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Camera Deputaților for its Opinion on the Communication 'Research and innovation as sources of renewed growth' {COM(2014) 339 final}.*

*The Commission thanks the Camera Deputaților in particular for its support to the main messages presented in the Communication, which calls upon the Member States to combine ambitious public investments in research and innovation with efforts to increase the quality of these investments through far reaching policy reforms.*

*The Commission strongly believes that the involvement of national Parliaments is of crucial importance to step up the pace of reform in the Member States and it notes that Romania has already made progress in this respect, for instance through the adoption of a National Strategy for Research, Development and Innovation, the use of international peer review for the selection of research projects or the use of the Structural Funds to support research and innovation activity.*

*Further efforts need, however, still to be made and the Commission is ready to support Member States in this respect, notably through the Policy Support Facility, a new initiative which aims at providing expertise and guidance to help Member States design, implement and evaluate reforms to their research and innovation policies.*

*The continued support and constructive engagement of the Camera Deputaților in this important matter is much appreciated.*

*The Commission hopes that these comments address the issues raised by the Camera Deputaților and looks forward to continuing our political dialogue.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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