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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Camera Deputaților for its Opinion concerning the Commission Communication adopted in February this year on "A Global Partnership for Poverty Eradication and Sustainable Development after 2015" {COM(2015) 44 final}.

Building on this Communication, the EU Foreign Affairs Council adopted conclusions on 26 May 2015 on "A New Global Partnership for Poverty Eradication and Sustainable Development after 2015". Many of the themes addressed in those conclusions are entirely consistent with the Opinion of the Camera Deputaților.

For example, the Council conclusions are very clear on the interlinked challenges of poverty eradication and sustainable development in all three of its dimensions. The conclusions outline certain principles which should underpin the Global Partnership needed for the implementation of the new agenda. These include, inter alia: human rights, good governance, democracy and the rule of law. The conclusions stress the universality of the new agenda, the links to the ongoing negotiations relating to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change ahead of the Paris Conference of Parties in December 2015 and the need for a multi-stakeholder approach. The conclusions note the significant progress that has been made in the intergovernmental discussions to date, including the Open Working Group proposal on the Sustainable Development Goals (and its multiple references to environmental sustainability, sustainable consumption and production and the 10-year Framework of Programmes).

At the recent Third International Conference of the United Nations on Financing for Development, the international community adopted the Addis Ababa Action Agenda. This landmark agenda provides us with the means to deliver on the upcoming Sustainable Development Goals. It sets out an ambitious vision which addresses the full spectrum of the means of implementation and recognises that everyone will need to take action to achieve the post-2015 agenda.

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By bringing together domestic resources, investments, international public finance – including Official Development Assistance (ODA) – and good policies, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda shows that action on all fronts will be necessary to succeed in our common fight against poverty, inequality and exclusion. By integrating in a balanced manner the three dimensions of sustainable development, it paves the way towards a single universal framework and set of goals. It also includes strong language on peace and security, gender equality, human rights, the rule of law and democratic governance.

The positive outcome from the Addis Ababa Conference is a significant step towards changing how the world thinks and acts on poverty eradication and sustainable development and it makes a helpful and significant contribution to the upcoming post-2015 Summit and the Climate Change Conference.

The Commission welcomes the Camera Deputaților's engagement in what is an important political debate. The Global Partnership required to implement the Sustainable Development Goals will require supporting actions from all stakeholders – including, importantly, from Parliaments in every country.

The Commission remains committed to the adoption and implementation of an ambitious, transformative and inclusive post-2015 development agenda and looks forward to continuing our political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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