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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Camera Deputaților for its Opinion on the Communication "Towards the World Humanitarian Summit: A global partnership for principled and effective humanitarian action" {COM(2015) 419 final}.

The Commission welcomes the broad support of the Camera Deputaților for the vision set out in the Communication in which the Commission lays out the EU's strategic vision for reshaping humanitarian action in preparation for the summit. The Commission is pleased that the Camera Deputaților shares its view that the common basics of humanitarian action: the humanitarian principles and international humanitarian law, as well as the centrality of protection, must be reconfirmed. In this regard, the Commission welcomes in particular the side event that Romania and Poland hosted at the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent in December 2015 on "Voluntary reporting on national compliance with international humanitarian law".

The Commission acknowledges the concern of the Camera Deputaților as regards the increasing humanitarian needs and costs and the need for the World Humanitarian Summit to achieve systemic improvements in order to better support those in need.

The Commission takes due note of the issues underlined by the Camera Deputaților as requiring particular attention in the context of the summit, such as the future of the humanitarian system, predictable financing, dealing with the root causes, the importance of protection, forging partnerships and strengthening local capacity. The Commission values these remarks, fully concurs with them and will remain strongly engaged on these issues in the run-up to the World Humanitarian Summit.

The Commission welcomes that the Camera Deputaților supports the idea that the World Humanitarian Summit should end with clear commitments and deliverables in the form of an outcome document. After the summit, the Commission intends to take stock and propose specific EU contributions to implement the Summit outcomes.

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The Commission attaches great importance to the dialogue with national Parliaments. In this spirit, it invites the Camera Deputaţilor to stay engaged at the national level in support of the efforts to reshape humanitarian action and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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