



## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Camera Deputaților for its Opinion on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and to the Council – EU Action Plan on return {COM(2015) 453 final}.*

*The Commission notices with satisfaction the Camera Deputaților's support for the EU Action Plan on return and the concrete actions it suggests with a view to enhancing the return and readmission of irregular migrants from Member States to their home countries.*

*With regard to concrete suggestions for a better implementation of the Action Plan on return, the Commission welcomes, first of all, the Camera Deputaților's suggestion to engage with the private sector for the creation of reintegration opportunities in migrants' countries of origin. Several Member States have, in the past, tried limited cooperation with private companies for the creation of jobs, vocational training and improvement of entrepreneurial skill among returnees. The Commission intends to continue, in close cooperation with the Member States, providing support for the exchange of best practices and will certainly closely examine in this context the possibilities of private-public sector exchange.*

*Concerning the recommendation for the European Union to support third countries with reception of migrants, the Commission is pleased to inform the Camera Deputaților of further development and implementation of so-called Regional Development and Protection Programmes in the Middle East, North Africa and the Horn of Africa. The primary aim of such programmes is to improve the capacity of third-countries to provide effective international protection to those in need, including a strong development component as well as support to host communities. Furthermore, these programmes can provide support to voluntary return of third-country nationals from countries of transit. The Commission continues to encourage all interested Member States to participate in these programmes.*

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

*Yours faithfully,*

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