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*Dear Mr. President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Camera Deputaților for its Opinion on the Commission's Communication 'Towards the completion of the Banking Union' {COM(2015) 587 final}.*

*The Commission shares the main concerns expressed in the Opinion. The Commission is committed to completing the Banking Union by taking further steps to share and reduce risks in the banking sector. In doing so, the Commission will thoroughly assess the impacts of its initiatives on the real economy so as not to hamper economic growth or create new systemic risks through uncontrolled shadow banking.*

*More specifically, the Commission agrees with the Camera Deputaților that a timely implementation of the Financial Stability Board's standard on total loss absorbing capacity (TLAC) for global banks and of the minimum requirement for own funds and eligible liabilities (MREL) is key to enhancing bank resolution. The Commission will table a legislative proposal on this matter in the course of this year.*

*The Commission also shares the view expressed by the Camera Deputaților that any reconsideration of the prudential treatment of bank exposures to sovereigns needs to be based on a commonly agreed international standard and accompanied by a thorough assessment of the impacts on the costs of sovereign debt funding and financial stability.*

*Finally, the Commission would like to stress its commitment to ensure the openness of the Banking Union to Member States outside the euro area that should be able to join the Banking Union if they so decide.*

*The Commission hopes that these clarifications 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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