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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Camera Deputaților for its Opinion on the Reflection Paper on Harnessing Globalisation {COM(2017) 240 final}.

This Reflection Paper follows the White Paper on the Future of Europe, presented on 1 March 2017, which sets out the main challenges and opportunities for Europe, and marks the beginning of a reflection process on the future of the European Union.

The Commission welcomes the appreciation, by the Camera Deputaților, of efforts made at the level of the European Union to address the opportunities and challenges of globalisation and to shape it for the benefit of citizens of the European Union.

The Commission is aware of the importance of trade agreements in the promotion of jobs and growth in the European Union. For that reason, the Commission, in September 2017, proposed the opening of negotiations for free trade agreements with Australia and New Zealand. At the same time and as expressed in the Harnessing Globalisation paper, the European Union aims not only to open new markets in reciprocal way, but also to promote its values and to enhance global governance on issues like human rights, working conditions and environmental protection.

The Commission takes note of the positions expressed by the Camera Deputaților in relation to cyber-security and to the creation of a business environment stimulating innovation. It takes the opportunity to recall that it has recently proposed a wide range of measures to improve cyber security in the European Union, including a proposal for the creation of a European Cybersecurity Agency that would assist Member States in dealing with cyber-attacks. Furthermore, the new EU Industrial Policy Strategy will help European companies become world leaders in innovation, digitalisation and decarbonisation.

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The Commission hopes that the clarifications provided in this reply address the issues raised by the Camera Deputaților and looks forward to continuing our political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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