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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Camera Deputaților for its Opinion on the Reflection Paper on the Deepening of the Economic and Monetary Union {COM(2017) 291 final}.*

*The Commission welcomes the broad support by the Camera Deputaților for the objectives and proposals outlined in the Reflection Paper.*

*Regarding the concerns expressed in the Camera Deputaților's opinion on a possible gap between Member States created by a euro area budget line, the Commission would like to underline the commitment of President Juncker to the unity of the European Union, as expressed in his Address on the State of the Union. As announced in this Address, this commitment has become tangible in the Commission's proposal, adopted on 6 December 2017, to increase the financial envelope of the Structural Reform Support Programme and adapt its general objective<sup>1</sup>, which aims to provide Member States on their way to joining the euro with the assistance necessary to enable them to do so, thereby reaping the benefits of Union membership in full. The Commission welcomes the appreciation of this proposal expressed by the Camera Deputaților, and also appreciates the support of the Camera Deputaților to a broad reform agenda that would allow Romania to seize the potential of euro area adoption, as well as its call to the Romanian Government, the Minister of Public Finance, and the National Bank of Romania to further develop the national debate on euro area accession.*

*The Commission looks forward to continuing our political dialogue in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

*Frans Timmermans  
First Vice-President*

*Valdis Dombrovskis  
Vice-President*

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<sup>1</sup> COM (2017) 825.