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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Camera Deputaților for its Opinion on the Communication as regards the follow-up to the Action Plan on Value Added Tax (VAT), towards a single EU VAT area {COM(2017) 566 final}.

The Communication explains the package of legislative initiatives adopted by the Commission on 4 October 2017. The overall objective of that package, already announced in the Value Added Tax Action Plan {COM(2016) 148 final}, adopted by the Commission on 7 April 2016, is to create a robust single European Value Added Tax area for which a simpler and fraud-proof definitive VAT system for intra-Union trade will be set up.

The Commission welcomes the efforts made by Romania to enhance fiscal certainty, as well as the overall support for the legislative initiatives proposed at the level of the European Union.

The Commission takes note of the fact that the Camera Deputaților is cautious about the consequences of the proposed amendments of the current Value Added Tax rules, especially in terms of budgetary effects, increase of administrative burdens and compliance costs.

In addition, the Commission has duly taken note of the Camera Deputaților's suggestion to tackle Value Added Tax fraud.

These proposals are being discussed within the legislative process involving both the European Parliament and the Council. The Camera Deputaților's Opinion has been made available to the Commission's representatives in the ongoing negotiations and will inform these discussions.

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

Yours faithfully,

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