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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Camera Deputaților for its Opinion concerning the Commission Communication on the Future of Food and Farming {COM(2017) 713 final}.

The Commission is pleased that the Camera Deputaților shares the view that action at European Union level, as envisaged in the Communication, can contribute greatly to simplify and modernise the Common Agricultural Policy.

The new delivery model presented in the Communication pursues some of the needs expressed in the Camera Deputaților's Opinion, such as reducing the administrative burden and a prescriptive approach, and increasing flexibility in order to offer Member States the possibility to tailor measures to their specific needs.

The Commission shares the Camera Deputaților's view on the role of research and considers that, together with innovation and its application in farm practices, it has a huge potential for competitiveness, sustainability and simplification. For this reason, the future Common Agricultural Policy will need to enhance synergies with the Research and Innovation Policy and to promote knowledge transfer. Human capital could be enriched through training and Erasmus exchange initiatives for farmers. A reinforced Farm Advisory Service could play a key role, covering not only agricultural practices and environmental issues but also business management, financial instruments and risk management.

In the context of the increased requirement to use Earth Observation information and its potential, Copernicus paves the way for the monitoring of agricultural activities, providing free and open data at high revisit time. These data combined with the capacity of the Land Parcel Identification System and complemented by other satellite imagery provided by private industry offer real added value.

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The Commission hopes that these comments 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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