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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Camera Deputaților for its Opinion concerning the proposal for a Council Recommendation on Key Competences for Lifelong Learning {COM(2018) 24 final}.

This proposal is part of a broader package of measures echoing the Rome Declaration of 25 March 2017¹, which called for 'a Union where young people receive the best education and training and can study and find jobs across the continent'. The Recommendation also gives effect to the first principle of the European Pillar of Social Rights, which holds that 'Everyone has the right to quality and inclusive education, training and life-long learning in order to maintain and acquire skills that enable them to participate fully in society and manage successfully transitions in the labour market'². The Council of the European Union has meanwhile adopted this Recommendation on 22 May 2018³.

The Commission is pleased that the Camera Deputaților supports the view that a broad set of key competences is needed in today's society. The Commission fully shares the view that cross-sectoral collaboration between different education, training and learning stakeholders, cross-discipline learning as well as validation of non-formal and informal learning support the development of key competences.

¹ <http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2017/03/25/rome-declaration/pdf>

² https://ec.europa.eu/commission/sites/beta-political/files/social-summit-european-pillar-social-rights-booklet_en.pdf

³ <http://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-8299-2018-INIT/en/pdf>

The Commission is also pleased that the Camera Deputaților welcomes the development of evidence-based guidance material on new forms of learning and teaching, including the adequate use of digital technologies in education and training.

The Commission welcomes the call to create conditions for learning and practising entrepreneurship, starting as early as possible and continuing in a lifelong learning perspective. The Commission also shares the view that transversal skills such as creativity, critical thinking, problem-solving and initiative are important to address the needs of future jobs, as are digital competences and the associated development of technology.

The Commission agrees with the Camera Deputaților on the importance of health, health-conscious lifestyle and the role of the family in the development of personal and interpersonal skills.

The Commission hopes that these considerations 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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