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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Camera Deputaților for its Opinion on the Communication on the implementation of the circular economy package: options to address the interface between chemical, product and waste legislation {COM(2018) 32 final}.

The Commission welcomes the Camera Deputaților's support for the promotion of a wide-ranging debate on the elements identified at the interface and notes the importance of respecting the division of responsibilities between the Member States and the Commission in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity.

The Commission has taken good note of the Camera Deputaților's recommendations on the labelling of the presence of substances of concern, the design of electronic equipment, the need for a level playing field between articles produced in the Union and imported articles, the disposal of substances of concern in an interim stage, the further alignment of waste classification rules and the better harmonisation of end-of-waste rules.

The Commission is pleased to inform the Camera Deputaților that in line with the commitment made in the Communication, several of the actions announced therein are underway. For example, the Commission guidelines to promote a more coherent approach to waste classification were published in April¹ and the study to develop a specific decision-making methodology to support decisions on the recyclability of waste containing substances of concern has been launched and should be completed by March

¹ Commission notice on technical guidance on the classification of waste {C(2018)1447}, OJ C 124, of 9 April 2018, p. 1.

2019. Other actions, such as the feasibility study on the use of different information systems to enable relevant information on the presence of substances of concern in materials to also be available for use by recyclers, are currently being prepared and the Commission expects that this study will be launched by the end of this year.

Both the Communication and the accompanying Staff Working Document {SWD(2018) 20 final} are currently being examined by the European Parliament, the Council, the Committee of the Regions and the European Economic and Social Committee, as well as other stakeholders, and the feedback that the Commission receives from all stakeholders will be taken into account in defining and preparing the specific actions to be taken forward.

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

Yours faithfully,

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