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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Camera Deputaților for its Opinion on the Recommendation for a Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations on a Global Pact for the Environment {COM(2018)138 final}.

The Commission welcomes the Camera Deputaților's overall support for the Recommendation and for the United Nations Resolution on the Global Pact for the Environment.

The Commission attaches great importance to Union-wide consultations with stakeholders and confirms its intention to promote consultation of relevant actors on the Global Pact for the Environment. As regards consultations in regions beyond the European Union, the Commission would like to point out that the process takes place under the auspices of the United Nations General Assembly. The consultations and negotiations will thus follow the rules established in that context.

The Commission shares the Camera Deputaților's view that the negotiation of a Global Pact for the Environment could initiate a debate on establishing rights and obligations regarding sustainable development. The Commission also agrees on the importance of monitoring the progress made in environmental science in order to adequately inform the development of sound policies. For that purpose the existing mechanisms at both Union and global levels should be fully exploited.

The Commission takes note of the Camera Deputaților's suggestion to use the experience of the subsidiarity test carried out by national Parliaments. This experience could indeed be useful when negotiations on the drafting of a Pact start, in order to identify aspects which could be best resolved at national level.

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The Commission hopes that these clarifications address the issues raised by the Camera Deputaților and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future. It will work closely with the Romanian Presidency of the Council in 2019 to make progress towards a Global Pact for the Environment.

Yours faithfully,

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