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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Camera Deputaților for its Opinion on the Communication on enabling the digital transformation of health and care in the Digital Single Market {COM(2018) 233 final}.

The Commission is pleased that the Camera Deputaților shares the view that action at the Union level is required to support the digital transformation of health and care.

The Commission welcomes the recommendations of the Camera Deputaților regarding the responsible use of data to encourage healthy lifestyles, the creation of mechanisms to ensure the security and safety of the healthcare provision, and the balanced support of Member States through technical assistance. Together with promoting technical solutions, such as technical specifications of a European electronic health record exchange format, the Commission supports the exchange of innovative and best practices, capacity building and technical assistance for health and care authorities. The Commission intends to mobilise funds under the current and future financial frameworks for the further development of the eHealth digital service infrastructure and the support of collaboration between Member States and between regions on the cross-border exchange of health data.

The Commission takes seriously the concerns expressed by the Camera Deputaților as regards potential risks involved by the digital transformation of health and care, especially concerning the use and protection of health data, adversarial effects of uneven digitisation (digital divide, discrimination, social polarisation) and the challenges posed by increased automation in the health and care sector. The Commission promotes digital

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knowledge and skills for citizens, patients and health and care professionals to maximise the benefits of digital solutions and to empower all citizens to look after their health.

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.

Yours faithfully,

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Member of the Commission*