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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Camera Deputaților for its Opinion on the Communication on the Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027 {COM(2018) 321 final}.*

*In the preparation of its proposals, the Commission has built on the open and inclusive debate launched in March 2017 with the White Paper on the Future of Europe, and in June 2017 with the Reflection Paper on the Future of EU Finances.*

*Between 2 May and 14 June 2018, the Commission presented a comprehensive package for the Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027, including sectoral legislative proposals for programmes supporting and implementing European policies. These proposals better align the Union budget with the Union's priorities and reinforce the European added value of EU finances as well as its effectiveness and efficiency.*

*The Commission believes that its proposals are pragmatic and realistic and strongly geared towards the top political priorities agreed by Leaders in Bratislava and Rome on the future of Europe. They aim to show how the European Union can respond in a fair and balanced way to existing and emerging challenges, combining additional efforts with the necessary budgetary rigour, to deliver on our common agenda.*

*The Commission welcomes the support from the Camera Deputaților on a number of important elements of its proposals, in particular as regards the focus on young people, the need for enhanced flexibility in the management of European Union Funds, the financing of new priorities such as research, culture and media, the European Innovation Council and the need for increased support to small and medium-sized enterprises.*

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*The Commission notes the reservation expressed by the Camera Deputaţilor as regards the funding of traditional policies of the Union and would like to underline that the cuts proposed for the agricultural policy and cohesion policy are moderate and will not damage their objectives. The Commission has proposed a comprehensive reform and modernisation of both policies, which will allow them to continue delivering on their core objectives.*

*The Commission also notes the reservations expressed on new own resources proposed, and specifically the own resource linked to the Common Consolidated Corporate Tax Base. The Commission's legislative proposals respond to the explicit wish of many Member States and stakeholders to modernise and simplify the existing own resources and to diversify the sources of revenue. The proposed new own resources have been designed to support policy objectives and to link better the financing of the European Union with the synergies of the Single Market. The harmonised corporate tax system – by consolidating and apportioning the consolidated tax base – would provide the foundation for a fair and transparent new revenue source. The Common Consolidated Corporate Tax Base, once established, would therefore lend itself as a suitable basis for revenue sharing arrangements. Member States' competence to determine the corporate tax rate will remain untouched.*

*The Commission is convinced that its proposals provide a solid basis for the negotiations to come.*

*The Commission hopes that these clarifications address the issues raised by the Camera Deputaţilor and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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