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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Camera Deputaților for its Opinion on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions – A Sustainable Bioeconomy for Europe: Strengthening the Links between the Economy, Society and the Environment {COM (2018) 673 final}.*

*The key message of the Communication is that a sustainable and circular bioeconomy is central to achieving the right balance between exploiting the economic potential of natural resources, meeting the needs of society, and protecting, maintaining and restoring ecosystems and biodiversity for future generations. The Commission appreciates the Camera Deputaților's clear support for these key concepts.*

*With regard to the Research Programmes and Innovation initiatives, the European Union already funds research, demonstration and deployment of sustainable, inclusive and circular bio-based solutions, including with EUR 3.85 billion allocated under the current European Union funding programme Horizon 2020. For the 2021-2027 period, the Commission has proposed to allocate EUR 10 billion under Horizon Europe for food and natural resources, including the bioeconomy.*

*The Commission further notes and appreciates that the Camera Deputaților's Opinion provides recommendations on key objectives that are very much in line with the three main areas and the 14 concrete actions that were put forward in an Action Plan to develop a sustainable and circular bioeconomy that serves Europe's society, environment and economy.*

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

*Yours faithfully,*

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