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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Camera Deputaților for the Opinion on its Communication to the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions 'A Clean Planet for all' {COM(2018) 773 final}.*

*It appreciates the support of the Camera Deputaților for the European strategic long-term vision for a climate neutral economy.*

*The Commission takes note of the views of the Camera Deputaților on the important role of innovation and scaling of emerging technologies as well as of climate action in all key sectors of the economy, especially in energy, while ensuring biodiversity, citizen empowerment and education, targeted and sufficient funding. The Commission also acknowledges the importance of the international dimension in delivering on the necessary greenhouse gas emission reductions and the need to ensure European competitiveness.*

*The Commission recalls that the Regulation on the Governance of the Energy Union and Climate Action<sup>1</sup> requires the preparation of integrated national energy and climate plans by all Member States. The role of these plans is notably to identify national renewable and energy efficiency priorities which can contribute to the 2030 and longer-term climate and energy objectives of the European Union.*

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU) 2018/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 on the Governance of the Energy Union and Climate Action, amending Regulations (EC) No 663/2009 and (EC) No 715/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Directives 94/22/EC, 98/70/EC, 2009/31/EC, 2009/73/EC, 2010/31/EU, 2012/27/EU and 2013/30/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Directives 2009/119/EC and (EU) 2015/652 and repealing Regulation (EU) No 525/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council, OJ L 328, 21.12. 2018, p.1.

*The Commission further recalls the emphasis put in its long-term vision for a climate-neutral Europe on the social dimension. The deep modernisation process will have to be managed well, ensuring a fair and socially acceptable transition for all in the spirit of inclusiveness and solidarity*

*Regarding the next framework programme for research and innovation 'Horizon Europe', the Commission would like to highlight that this programme is designed to contribute strongly to the Sustainable Development Goals and to deliver the innovative solutions that we need for a competitive and climate neutral economy. Not only are at least 35% of the programme's budget to be spent on climate objectives, but also its inclusive governance and new element of 'missions' to be developed in close cooperation with Member States will ensure concrete and significant positive impacts on the quality of life of European citizens, and on the competitiveness of European companies. The programme also contains new provisions for strengthening the research and innovation capacity of all Member States and a balanced implementation of the programme.*

*In addition, the proposed InvestEU programme is the Commission's flagship initiative for supporting investments in the European Union. It shall among others target investments related to climate and sustainability objectives, energy efficiency and renewable energy as well as urban and rural development. Through creation of investment platforms and potential involvement of national promotional banks and institutions as implementing partners, the InvestEU support will also be available for smaller projects in eligible areas.*

*The Commission hopes that the clarifications provided in this reply 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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