



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Camera Deputaților for its Opinion regarding the Joint Communication to the European Parliament and the Council on an Action Plan on military mobility {JOIN(2018) 5 final}.*

*The Commission welcomes the Camera Deputaților's broad support for the proposals contained in this Action Plan and takes note of its opinion that the cooperation with the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation is of relevance regarding military mobility, in the framework of the European Union – North Atlantic Treaty Organisation Joint Declaration of 2016, and that a coherent approach between the two organisations is wished for, in full respect of the sovereignty of the Member States. This is indeed exactly the intention of the Commission.*

*The Commission also takes note of the Camera Deputaților's opinion that compliance with the environmental legislation of the European Union must be ensured and considered early on in project planning. This is indeed also the intention of the Commission.*

*The Commission furthermore notes the Camera Deputaților's recommendation that measures are taken at the level of the European Union for the maintenance of economic convergence between the Member States in the allocation of resources for military mobility. In this respect, the Commission refers to the proposed budget line of 6.5 billion euro under the Multiannual Financial Framework cluster 'Defence' to support trans-European transport network infrastructure in order to adapt it to military mobility requirements. This budget line will be implemented through the Connecting Europe Facility, which defines the same co-financing rates for all Member States.*

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*The Commission additionally notes the Camera Deputaților's view that the policy of the European Union on transport infrastructure can benefit from synergies with military mobility, leading the Union to support it in a more comprehensive way. The Commission fully shares this view and recalls that the purpose is to enable a civilian-military dual-use of the transport infrastructure. This means that the projects will also benefit civilian purposes, such as heavy goods transport and infrastructure that fosters multimodality.*

*The Commission takes note of the Camera Deputaților's view that the pilot exercise which was carried out for the North Sea-Baltic Corridor, with the involvement of representatives of the Ministries of Defence, should be carried out regularly for the whole trans-European transport network. The Commission would like to recall that these exercises fall under the exclusive competence of Member States. The Commission would also like to recall that the exercise was meant to validate the process which will be applied to all Member States to identify and quantify the military needs and in particular the dual uses. It does not suggest specific focus on Eastern Europe. All Member States will be put on equal footing both in the identification process and in the access to funding.*

*The Commission would finally like to thank the Camera Deputaților for its support for its initiative to explore possible options for streamlining and simplifying customs formalities related to military operations.*

*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*