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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 — Delivering on the Energy Union and climate action — Setting the basis for a successful transition to clean energy {COM(2019) 285 final}.*

*The Commission takes note of the Camera Deputaților's political commitment to support a successful and fair clean energy transition and welcomes the notification by the Romanian Government of its National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP). This is in particular relevant in light of the Covid-19 crisis, where the Green Deal and the implementation of the policies and measures needed for the achievement of the EU energy and climate targets by 2030 can actively contribute to the economic recovery.*

*The Commission looks forward to a continued cooperation with Romanian authorities in view of the implementation of their National Energy and Climate Plan and the delivery of the priorities of the European Green Deal towards a competitive, sustainable and secure energy system in Romania, further developing, in particular, the following priorities: i) the need to address, in line with the European Green Deal, renewed efforts on renewable energy and energy efficiency, encompassing the adoption of new and more ambition policies and measures; ii) the need to intensify efforts in view of the full liberalisation of the electricity and gas markets, including a stable, predictable and incentivising legal framework facilitating investments; iii) the need to provide further protection to vulnerable consumers and the importance of supporting just and fair energy transition.*

*Concerning measures to support workers and their families affected by the phasing out of coal, the Commission welcomes the progress achieved by Romania in the Jiu Valley*

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*over the past year and would like to recall that it is currently proposed to allocate EUR 757 million to Romania under the Just Transition Fund.*

*The Commission takes note of the Camera Deputaților's recommendation to adapt Horizon Europe's mechanisms, with sustained and bolder funding for the latest research findings at the new frontiers of knowledge. The Commission also encourages Member States to propose concrete ideas based on their recommendations when possible.*

*The Commission welcomes the Camera Deputaților's support for strengthening skills and educational measures as to support and enable the energy transition. The recommendation of increased efforts to identify renewable energy sources and support stakeholder involvement in this research is also well received.*

*Finally, the Commission positively notes the Camera Deputaților's recommendation for a separate strategy to be developed to support power micro-grids, energy self-consumption and grid connections to grids.*

*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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