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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Camera Deputaților for its Opinion on the Communication to the European Parliament and the Council on the shaping of the Conference on the Future of Europe {COM(2020) 27 final}.

The Conference is at this moment more important than ever before. The coronavirus pandemic has known no borders and the social, economic and psychological hardship has been felt by us all. European solidarity remains at the heart of the Commission's unprecedented measures to fight this virus. Beyond our immediate response to the COVID-19 crisis, it remains our joint responsibility to offer a perspective for the future to our citizens. As a bottom-up exercise, this Conference is an excellent opportunity to engage and involve all Europeans in shaping the future of our continent.

In its Communication, the Commission emphasises the essential role of national Parliaments in the working of the Conference and in making it a success. This goes for the organisation of events and for reaching out to citizens from all walks of life and every corner and region of our Union.

When it comes to the topics to be addressed during the Conference, the Commission believes that the EU's headline ambitions, as set out in the Commission's Political Priorities and the European Council's Strategic Agenda, are broad enough to accommodate a very wide range of questions. In addition, citizens will of course be free to raise any topic of importance to them. The Commission fully shares the Camera Deputaților's view that feedback and a concrete and meaningful follow-up on the outcomes of the Conference are key. As President von der Leyen set out in her Political Guidelines and as the Commission confirms in its Communication on the preparation of the Conference, we are ready to follow up on what is agreed.

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The Commission is working on a multilingual digital platform, which will give easy access to all material of Conference debates but also allow users to post proposals and ideas online. Such platform would combine inclusivity, transparency and full data security.

The specific governance arrangements for the Conference on the Future will be set out in a Joint Declaration on the objectives, scope and structure of the Conference that is currently being discussed between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission.

The Commission has taken good note of the views of the Camera Deputaților related to the organisation, engagement in and results of the Conference on the Future of Europe, and will strive to take them into account as best as possible.

The Commission counts on the Camera Deputaților in making this Conference a success once we have launched it and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

*Nicolas Schmit
Member of the Commission*