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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Senat for its Opinion on the Communication “Secure 5G deployment in the EU - Implementing the EU toolbox” {COM(2020) 50 final}.

Following the European Council’s call for a concerted approach to the security of 5G and the Commission Recommendation of March 2019, Member States have identified cybersecurity risks and vulnerabilities at national level and published a joint EU risk assessment. On this basis, Member States authorities, with the support of the Commission and of the European Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA), have agreed a Toolbox of measures to mitigate the identified security risks related to the rollout of 5G, which was published on 29 January 2020.

In a Communication published on the same day, the Commission has endorsed the Toolbox conclusions and called on Member States to implement the measures and to report on their implementation. A report on the progress made was published on 24 July 2020. It shows the continued commitment of Member States to move forward in a joint manner based on an objective assessment of identified risks and proportionate mitigating measures.

By the end of 2020, the Commission, in cooperation with Member States, will assess the effects of the March 2019 Recommendation, including the implementation of the measures of the Toolbox. This will provide the opportunity to reassess the need for further action.

The Commission welcomes the active participation of Romania as the co-chair of the Work Stream on 5G security under the Cooperation Group established by the Directive on security of Network and Information Systems (NIS) and is looking forward to its continuous engagement in this process.

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The Commission will also continue to support the successful 5G rollout in the EU, including by engaging with civil society, to seize the opportunities of 5G for the society and economy. In order to avoid the spread of disinformation, the Commission recommends that aspects related to public health should be addressed in cooperation with relevant international organisations and the scientific community.

The Commission hopes that these clarifications address the issues raised by the Senat and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

Member of the Commission