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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 ‘Long term action plan for better implementation and enforcement of single market rules’ (Long term enforcement action plan) {COM(2020) 94 final}.

The Commission appreciates that the Camera Deputaților decided to analyse the Communication and welcomes the support for its aims.

The single market is one of Europe’s greatest achievements and provides Europe’s businesses with a large domestic market. It stimulates competition and trade within the EU and provides EU citizens with a wider choice of goods and services and more employment and entrepreneurial opportunities. The single market enables European companies to compete on the global stage. Nevertheless, Europeans continue to experience barriers that prevent them from fully exploiting the potential of the single market.

The Communication ‘Identifying and addressing barriers to the single market’ {COM(2020) 93} identifies a broad range of obstacles in the single market taking the perspective of Europe’s businesses and consumers. It points to the root causes of such barriers: restrictive and complex national rules, limited administrative capacities, imperfect transposition of EU rules and their inadequate enforcement.

To address these barriers, the Long term enforcement action plan sets up a renewed partnership between Member States and the Commission in their shared responsibility to ensure that single market rules are properly enforced and applied. It launches a joint Single Market Enforcement Task Force of the Commission and Member States to strengthen cooperation and to address barriers that are distorting the functioning of the Internal Market. The Commission, for its part, will support national and local authorities in their efforts to implement correctly European law and will not hesitate to take firm action against violations of single market rules.

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The Commission would like to thank the Romanian authorities for their active participation in the discussions of the Single Market Enforcement Task Force, notably by identifying the most pressing barriers for the Romanian businesses and citizens.

The Commission takes into account the Camera Deputaților observations on the risks arising from the over-regulation and the obstacles to free competition in national law and welcomes the calls for legal certainty when issuing guidelines and interpretations of EU rules, particularly in the digital, telecom and audio-visual areas.

The Commission also acknowledges the importance of input of artificial intelligence and the preparation of human resources to increase knowledge of the single market and the interpretation of data on the functioning of the single market, as well as the observation concerning the difficulties posed by the practical use of additional indicators in the Single Market Scoreboard. Furthermore, it welcomes the Romanian support to an ex-ante evaluation mechanism of obstacles to the functioning of the single market in the context of the European Green Deal.

The Commission welcomes the support of the Camera Deputaților for the fight against food fraud in the context of the 'from farm to fork' strategy, as well as its support to the implementation of the new Consumer Agenda.

The Commission hopes that the clarifications provided in this reply 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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