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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Camera Deputaților for its Opinion on the Communication “Coronavirus Response – Using every available euro in every way possible to protect lives and livelihood” {COM(2020) 143 final}.

The Commission welcomes the Camera Deputaților’s positive reception of the Communication and endorsement of European Union’s measures to combat the negative socio-economic consequences of the crisis. The Commission takes note of the recommendations of the Camera Deputaților and welcomes its proactive engagement.

On 21 July, the European Council reached a landmark political agreement on the Recovery Package NextGenerationEU proposed by the Commission and on the multiannual financial framework 2021-2027. Its centerpiece is the Recovery and Resilience Facility, which will provide large-scale financial support for reforms and investments undertaken by Member States. It aims to mitigate the economic and social impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and to make the EU economies more sustainable, resilient and better prepared for the challenges of the green and digital transitions.

The Commission is pleased to note that most considerations raised by the Camera Deputaților find their reflection in the Recovery Package. First of all, the scale of the proposed funding illustrates best the Commission’s resolve to mitigate the economic fallout of the pandemic, especially in Member States most affected and to those with limited own resources. This package is clearly of macroeconomic significance, commensurate with the challenge we are facing. Second, the bulk of the Recovery and Resilience Facility money will be spent on key public investment and reforms aligned with our European priorities as also identified in the European Semester, namely the green and digital transitions, as well as making our economies more resilient. The European Green Deal will play a central role in the recovery, as it is the Union’s growth strategy that aims at making Europe ready for the fundamental changes ahead, creating

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a fair and prosperous society, with a modern, resource-efficient and competitive climate-neutral economy. Third, investment in the digital transition will among others, equip European societies, including the public sector, industries, schools and health sector, to facilitate the combat with any potential future pandemic crisis.

The Commission strongly believes that this recovery can only be successful if it is fair and inclusive. It must address the disparities and inequalities either exposed or exacerbated in the crisis, including related to demographic changes. As this Commission took office, President von der Leyen committed to put forward an action plan to fully implement the European Pillar of Social Rights.

It is important that National Parliaments keep engaging with their governments to help ensure that the Recovery Package and the multiannual financial framework 2021-2027 are adopted quickly. Following the Opinion of the European Parliament and the formal adoption of the revised Own Resources Decision, national Parliaments will have an essential role to play in the approval of the revised Own Resources Decision by Member States in accordance with their national constitutional requirements. The Commission is confident that the Camera Deputaților will do its utmost to facilitate the swift entry into force of this decision and of the Recovery Package NextGenerationEU, which are essential for creating a new dynamism in our economies and societies to overcome the COVID-19 crisis.

The Commission looks forward to continuing the political dialogue with the Camera Deputaților in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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