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Dear President,

The European Commission would like to thank the Camera Deputaților for its Opinion on the Joint Communication on the ‘Eastern Partnership policy beyond 2020: Reinforcing Resilience – an Eastern Partnership that delivers for all’ of 18 March 2020 {JOIN(2020) 7 final}.

We welcome the fact that the Camera Deputaților fully supports the policy orientation for the future Eastern Partnership as set out in the Communication. This echoes the position of the Member States of the European Union and Eastern Partnership countries, as expressed in the Council Conclusions of 11 May 2020, and reiterated during the Leaders’ videoconference of 18 June.

Our work with partner countries will continue to focus on good governance and common values, as well as respect for democracy and human rights. We will continue supporting the partner countries in their drive for reforms and will engage with them not only at central level, but also within local and regional formats. We are convinced that our cooperation in the connectivity and energy areas will continue to bring successful results. Moreover, support for the civil society in partner countries will remain crucial for our exchanges.

We are pleased to inform the Camera Deputaților that, together with the Member States, partner countries and other stakeholders, we are discussing a renewed set of Eastern Partnership deliverables, which will be presented at the next Summit. They will be based on the five policy areas set out in the Joint Communication and will be instrumental, among others, for covering the new formats of cooperation within the Eastern Partnership, for instance in environment, digitalisation, and health policies.

The Eastern Partnership remains high on the agenda of the European Union’s foreign policy, and the Joint Communication represents a testimony of it. We would like to thank the Camera Deputaților for its support and contribution to the Eastern Partnership, and count(s) on your continued cooperation in the coming years.

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

Yours faithfully,

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