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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Camera Deputaților for its Opinion on the on the Green Paper on Ageing - Promoting solidarity and responsibility between generations {COM(2021) 50 final}.*

*The Commission is pleased to receive the Camera Deputaților reflections on the Green Paper on Ageing and will take its input into consideration in the follow-up to the public consultation on the Green Paper.*

*The Green Paper has launched a wide public debate on ageing, taking into account both the challenges that come with an ageing society, as well as the new opportunities. Competences for dealing with the effects of ageing are largely in the hands of Member States, but the EU can help identify key issues and trends and support actions addressing the impacts of ageing at national, regional and local levels. As the demographic changes impact different regions and local areas differently, the Member States are best placed to take measures that are adapted to the specific situation at the regional and local levels.*

*The Commission would like to inform about some of its initiatives in this area, related to the points raised by the Camera Deputaților.*

*Regarding the specific situation of rural and remote areas, by mid-2021, a Long-term Vision for Rural Areas will look at perspectives for citizens from rural areas and their communities in light of changing realities, while providing them with various sustainable development options. The EU funds can already support the Member States in responding to demographic change at regional and local levels, and specifically in rural areas.*

*On 4 March 2021, the Commission has presented an Action Plan on the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights. The Pillar, jointly proclaimed by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission in 2017, includes a number of principles related*

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*to areas impacted by ageing, such as on old age income and pensions, long-term care, health care, inclusion of people with disabilities, social protection, work-life balance and education, training and life-long learning. The Action Plan will contribute to turning the principles of the Social Pillar into reality, as a joint effort of the EU institutions, national, regional and local authorities, social partners and the civil society.*

*Regarding cooperation and exchange of practices at the EU level, there are initiatives on various relevant issues. For example, the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing has been active in upscaling of innovative digital solutions for better health and care monitoring across the EU regions. A future Horizon Europe programme Partnership with Member States on Transforming Health and Care Systems may further support the exchange of good practice at the systems level.*

*EU programmes such as Erasmus+ continue to provide opportunities for both individuals and organisations, including those engaged in improving lifelong learning in rural and remote areas, as well as those promoting sport and physical activities for all ages.*

*With regard to supplementary pensions, the pan-European personal pension product is a voluntary personal pension scheme due to be rolled out in 2022. It will offer citizens an additional possibility for retirement savings.*

*The Commission hopes that these elements address the issues raised by the Camera Deputaţilor and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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