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*Dear Chair,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Národná Rada for its Opinion on the Commission Work Programme for 2018 {COM(2017) 650 final}.*

*As noted in this Opinion, the Commission Work Programme has a two-fold focus. First, the Work Programme sets out targeted legislative actions to complete our work in priority policy areas. Secondly, the Work Programme presents actions and initiatives that have a more forward-looking perspective, as the new Union of 27 shapes its own future for 2025 and beyond. These actions are intended to launch a broad and wide debate with the ambition of seeking a broad consensus on the way forward in important areas for the future of the European Union.*

*The Commission's objectives strongly concur with those of the Leaders' Agenda, highlighted by the Committee, which together with the Bratislava Roadmap and the Rome Declaration focus on creating a Union that delivers concrete and tangible results for its citizens on the issues that matter to them. The Commission is convinced that we can take further steps to make our work even more efficient in delivering on our key priorities. There are many options but the goal must be one and the same: creating a Europe that delivers.*

*The Commission takes careful note of the priority areas selected by the Národná Rada and informs it that it has already presented several initiatives in these areas. These include the proposals to complete the Capital Markets Union, the Energy Union and the Economic and Monetary Union as well as the proposals delivering on the Circular Economy Action Plan and a Social Fairness package. Remaining legislative proposals*

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*will be presented by the end of May this year, to allow the European Parliament and the Council to complete the legislative work before the European elections in spring 2019.*

*The Commission looks forward to continuing our political dialogue in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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