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Dear President.

The Commission would like to thank the Národná Rada for its Opinion on the Commission work programme for 2021 {COM(2020) 690 final}.

The Commission welcomes the broad support for the new initiatives set out in Annex 1 of the Commission work programme, which aim to achieve a carbon neutral, digitalised, inclusive and fair EU economy. It notes that several of them are highlighted as 'high priority' by the Národná Rada, and agrees with the urgency that is required to implement the ambitious political and legislative agenda for Europe's full recovery and renewed vitality. This agenda aims to make the Union more resilient and support the recovery in a sustainable and fair way, while seizing the opportunities of the twin climate and digital transformations and enhancing Europe's open strategic autonomy.

The Commission takes also good note of the support expressed to the REFIT initiatives listed in Annex II of its work programme and to the list of priority pending proposals (Annex III) and envisaged withdrawals (Annex IV).

The Commission believes that the political dialogue with national Parliaments is essential for linking the institutions and the citizens of the European Union, and looks forward to the continued involvement of the Národná Rada on the above topics, and to continuing the political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

Maroš Šefčovič Vice-President