## **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**



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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Državni Zbor for its Opinion concerning the Enlargement Strategy and Main Challenges 2013-2014 {COM(2013) 700 final}.

The Commission acknowledges the support by the Državni Zbor to its annual enlargement strategy paper. It takes note, in particular, of the support expressed by the Državni Zbor for the Commission's findings and recommendations as regards the rule of law, which is now at the heart of the enlargement process; as regards the need for the enlargement countries to strengthen their economic governance; and as regards the need to renew efforts to overcome bilateral disputes among enlargement countries and with existing Member States.

The Commission takes note of the views of the Državni Zbor on the individual enlargement countries and the support expressed for the next steps in this regard.

The Commission would like to thank the Državni Zbor for its engagement with the enlargement process and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

Maroš Šefčovič Vice-President