## **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**



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Dear Presidents, dear Chairmen,

The Commission would like to thank the seventeen chambers that are signatories for their Opinion containing an overview of the chambers' priorities with regards to the initiatives in the Commission Work Programme for 2016 {COM(2015) 610 final}.

In this Work Programme, the second of the current mandate, the Commission reaffirms its commitment to delivering on the big issues where Europeans expect the Union to act: this is indeed no time for business as usual. The Commission remains committed to doing different things, and to doing them differently.

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The Rt. Hon. John BERCOW Speaker of the House of Commons, United Kingdom

The Rt. Hon. Baroness D'SOUZA Speaker of the House of Lords, United Kingdom The Work Programme is anchored in the ten political priorities of the Commission and takes forward several key strategies from the 2015 Work Programme, including the Digital Single Market Strategy, the Energy Union, the Labour Mobility Package, the European Agenda on Migration, the Capitals Markets Union, the Action Plan for Fair and Efficient Corporate Taxation, the new Trade Strategy and our proposals to deepen and strengthen the Economic and Monetary Union.

As was the case last year, this Work Programme prioritises actions under the Regulatory Fitness and Performance Programme (REFIT) ensuring that EU legislation remains fit for purpose and delivers the results intended. The Commission has taken note and welcomes the priorities that several chambers have identified in this regard.

Deepening the Commission's constructive relations with national Parliaments remains a priority for this Commission and we are looking forward to continuing our political dialogue.

Yours faithfully,

Frans Timmermans First Vice-President