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Dear President,

Thank you for your letter of 10 February 2021 to Commissioner Thierry Breton and your letter of 11 January 2021 to Commissioner Paolo Gentiloni in which you convey your thoughts and those of the CNUE on the analysis of the regulations of certain professions in the context of updating the Restrictiveness Indicator for Professional Regulation. In particular, you draw the Commission's attention to the regulation of the profession of notary.

In this respect, I would like to confirm that, as announced in the Communication of March 2020 setting out a long-term action plan for better implementation and enforcement of single market rules¹, the Commission will adopt an update of its reform recommendations for professional services.

While professional services, in particular the legal professions including notaries, contribute significantly to economic growth, employment and innovation in the single market, their economic potential is often hampered by overly restrictive regulation at national level. The Commission's recommendations aim to provide targeted and systematic reform guidance for these services. Our aim is to support Member States in their reforms to improve the competitiveness, professional mobility and economic performance of the sector in the EU so that professional services can fully benefit from an internal market without unjustified or disproportionate barriers. Moreover, the national regulations of notaries are subject to the fundamental freedoms guaranteed by the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

¹ COM/2020/94 final

This first update of the recommendations for reform will focus on the professions already covered in order to draw lessons from the first exercise. The regulation of the profession of notary will therefore not be included.

I remain, as well as my services, at your entire disposal if you wish to discuss the regulation of the profession of notary and its challenges in a European context.

Yours sincerely

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(signed electronically)

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