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Johannes Hahn
Member of the European Commission

Vilnius, 25 April 2018

Dear Commissioner,

Thank you very much for your letter of 5 April and the encouragement on our efforts in promoting the European Plan for Ukraine. In this particular case, let us express our appreciation and congratulate you and your team with the important and timely initiative of “Reform Contract for Investment” for Ukraine, which has the same fundamentals as the European Plan for Ukraine. We are absolutely sure that it will be crucial in keeping a momentum of conditionality for reforms and investments in Ukraine, especially with a view to forthcoming elections the next year.

The Reform Contract for Investment will inspire us further to continue our efforts in helping Ukraine with the outstanding challenges linked to investment-related reforms, investment capacity building, and regularity of dialogue with international partners, in particular with international financial institutions, currently managing huge investment portfolios in Ukraine. Lithuania has also an experience of working with public investments, which we would be ready to share.

You can also count on our support in building for Ukraine a structured and conditional investment dialogue with the European Union and other major stakeholders, which would be indeed helpful for building of a credible major interest project pipeline, removing the remaining bottlenecks, unlocking of investments and a stronger economic growth in Ukraine. For that purpose, it is important to keep constructive dialogue with the Government and other major political actors in Ukraine in order to agree with them “conditionality package” of most important investment related reforms, however, keeping in mind that since the autumn of this year till the end of next year Ukraine will go through two major election campaigns.

We hope the Reform Contract for Investment, if properly and effectively communicated in Ukraine, can become a basis for political consensus among major reforms orientated political players during a forthcoming year of elections.

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We believe there is a huge potential to grow this initiative further, starting from this year on with smart investments, conditionality and mobilization of international and donor assistance. In this respect, we hope the dialogue on investment-related reforms and windows for the implementation will continue with Ukraine and will keep in the loop the implementation of recently launched EU External Investment Plan, as well as the discussions on the next EU multiannual financial framework.

In this joint endeavor, we appreciate very much the key role of Support Group for Ukraine, with whom we have very constructive and fruitful cooperation. Moreover, we see huge opportunities to endorse the Reforms Contract for Investment further in a run-up to G7 Summit (June 8-9) and Ukraine Reform Conference in Copenhagen (June 27).

Moving forward together,

Yours sincerely,

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