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Dear Vice-President Verheugen,

I would like to congratulate you and your colleagues on the recent initiative launched by the European Commission to create a high-level group to pursue greater integration of EU competitiveness, energy and environment policies with the goal of guaranteeing sustainability and competitiveness through an integrated policy.

The organisation I represent, FORATOM, engages in an open and constructive dialogue with all those concerned with energy, industry and environmental policy at a European level. We believe to have developed good working relationships with all EU institutions. With regards to the Commission's new high-level group, we feel our industry has a great deal to contribute in the policy areas of energy and environment and, indirectly, to competitiveness as well.

FORATOM considers its interaction with the high-level group to be essential, especially at a political level. Therefore, as a relevant stakeholder, I would like offer our experience, knowledge and insight, and that of our Members, and suggest that FORATOM be invited to participate and contribute to the work of this high-level group. In line with the importance and high-level nature of this group, FORATOM would be prepared to nominate a senior Member of its Executive Board to act as its representative. Please find attached an up-to-date list of our Executive Board for your information. You may have personally met one or two of them.

As the Brussels-based trade association for the nuclear energy industry in Europe, the European Atomic Forum (FORATOM) is capable of presenting an integrated and co-ordinated view of the European nuclear industry. Our membership is made up of 16 national nuclear associations – active right across Europe – and the companies that they represent. FORATOM represents some of the continent's largest industrial concerns – for example, EDF and AREVA of France, RWE and E.ON of Germany, BNFL in the UK, Urenco (UK, Germany and the Netherlands), Endesa and ENUSA in Spain, Vattenfall and TVO in the Nordic region, and CEZ in the Czech Republic. In total, nearly 800 firms are represented – from Europe's, and the world's, largest nuclear utilities and nuclear fuel cycle companies to other undertakings engaged in the transport of nuclear materials and the management of radioactive waste.

By involving FORATOM as a member representation, you would receive a balanced, representative and pre-mediated position coming from a wide industrial basis.

We would also appreciate it if you could let us know in more detail how the high-level group intends to involve stakeholders, such as FORATOM, i.e. its *modus operandi*.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding FORATOM's participation and once again congratulate you on this initiative.

Yours sincerely,



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- Commissioner Stavros DIMAS, DG ENV, European Commission
- Commissioner Neelie KROES, DG COMP, European Commission
- Commissioner Andris PIEBALGS, DG TREN, European Commission