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Dear [REDACTED],

I confirm that we have received your request on behalf of [REDACTED] Danone to meet with Executive Vice President Frans Timmermans, as well as the invitation to public debate entitled **'The EU's Green Deal: Stepping up government and corporate leadership'** on 21st April 2020. We thank you for it and the person responsible in the cabinet will get back to you promptly.

With best wishes,

Estela Pineiro Kruik

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Dear Executive Vice-President Timmermans,

Dear Ms. Pineiro-Kruik, dear [REDACTED],

Following an invitation that you have received on January 15th from Friends of Europe [REDACTED], [REDACTED], for Commissioner Timmermans to speak at a high-level public debate entitled **'The EU's Green Deal: Stepping up government and corporate leadership'** on 21st April 2020 at 6pm in Brussels, I am writing on behalf of [REDACTED] Danone, to kindly request a private meeting with the Commissioner on the edge of this debate to exchange views on the European strategy required to achieve sustainable and inclusive growth.

As Danone, we strongly believe that more needs to be done to preserve biodiversity and that the EU can and must take a leading position on this dossier, especially ahead of upcoming IUCN and COP meetings. As Danone we are taking commitments in this respect and are building a specific industry coalition (called One Planet – Business for Biodiversity - OP2B) to get rapidly to a critical mass of companies who share our concerns and willingness to act. However, we will need the support from the European Commission to develop the appropriate policy framework that will allow us to move faster.

As a major international food company based in Europe, with leading positions in dairy, plant-based products, specialised nutrition and waters, Danone has put sustainability and inclusion at

the heart of its mission and business strategy. We want to drive innovation for healthy and sustainable food products and to work with our partners across the supply chain to move to more sustainable production and consumption models. We see the development of a new, integrated approach to European Union policy for sustainability as both an imperative and a real opportunity to drive positive change.

Should Commissioner Timmermans plan to participate to the debate on April 21, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] would very much appreciate meeting him and thus having the possibility to discuss - on the side of the event, either before 17:00-17:45 or after 19:00-19:30 - the policy needs that Danone has identified and that could prove to be key on the EU journey to protect and restore biodiversity, profiling Europe as a leader in promoting this human cause.

We look forward to hearing from you. In the meantime, we remain at your disposal for any further information you may require.

Yours sincerely,

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