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Dear Mr Lafont,

Thank you for your letter of 26 October 2010 to which the Vice-President of the Commission Mr. Joaquín Almunia asked me to reply. Your letter refers to the report recently issued by ERT on concrete examples of initiatives taken by the European industry towards more environmental protection, notably through energy efficiency projects.

As you also indicate, public policies also play a key role in encouraging a more sustainable energy economy. In particular, the Commission is committed to successfully implement the EU 20/20/20 environmental objectives through instruments such as the market-based EU Emission Trading Scheme and accompanying policy instruments, in particular to increase energy efficiency, in order to incentivise investments by the European industry into innovation and sustainability. The enforcement of competition rules supports open and undistorted markets on which policy initiatives can develop their full effects.

Yours sincerely,

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