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Dear members of the High Level Group for Interconnections in South West Europe,

On behalf of Christopher Jones, it is my pleasure to invite you to the next meeting which will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> of January as of 11 a.m in Brussels. The meeting will be organised at the senior officials level.

Thanks to the joint commitment and work of the members of the High Level Group, we have made together progress towards the timely implementation of the Madrid Declaration. It is now important that the High Level Group takes stock of this progress in both electricity and gas. On gas, a decision is to be taken on the next steps in the development of the STEP project, as well as on the 3<sup>rd</sup> interconnection between Spain and Portugal. On electricity, the Biscay Bay project went through decisive steps in 2017 while it appeared that more analysis is needed for the two projects through the Pyrenees. Project promoters are invited to update the senior officials on the state of play of their projects as well as on the proposed next steps in line with the TEN-E Regulation.

I attach a draft agenda hereto to that effect.

I count on your engagement and commitment to our common policy goals to ensure the timely implementation of the Madrid Declaration. If you should have any questions on the meeting, don't hesitate to come back to me or my colleagues in cc.

For security reasons, I would like to ask you to register at the following link: <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/HLGlberian150118">https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/HLGlberian150118</a>

Best regards,			
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