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Maroš Šefčovič
Vice-President of the European Commission
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13th November 2017

Dear Vice-President Šefčovič,

Many thanks for your letter dated 26 October 2017 concerning the EU Battery Alliance. Let me also thank you for hosting the EU Battery summit. In our view, this is a valuable initiative in the interest of European industry.

I therefore appreciate the fruitful discussions we had during the meeting in Brussels. In this context, I would like to underline Volkswagen's commitment to further electrify our models. Hence, we remain willing to participate in any multilateral follow-up dialogue of the summit. Let me emphasize that, in our view, it remains one of the key tasks to find a clearly committed consortium leader. This is necessary to ensure successful long-term industry engagement, as already highlighted during the meeting by the Volkswagen representatives.

With regard to your request, I can assure you Volkswagen's commitment to participate in an EU Battery Alliance, as discussed at the summit and outlined in your letter. This also includes the contribution to the work of project groups.

The Volkswagen Group's contact person would be [REDACTED] at our headquarters in Wolfsburg. Your staff can contact [REDACTED] @volkswagen.de. He will take care of any request regarding the Battery Alliance. In order to facilitate the process, please also include [REDACTED] in your correspondence. His email address is [REDACTED] @volkswagen.de.

I am looking forward to the results of our common efforts.

Yours sincerely