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On behalf of Ms Helena Braun:

Dear [REDACTED],

I would like to thank you very much for your kind invitation sent to the First Vice-President of the European Commission, Mr Frans Timmermans to participate in a conference (organised by Business Bridge Europe) in Brussels on "sustainable products in a circular economy" which will take place on 26 September 2018.

Mr Timmermans asked me to pass on his apologies that with great regret he is unable to give a positive reply to your invitation due to already taken institutional commitments to participate in the United Nation General Affairs (UNGA) in New York in the same week.

Mr Timmermans wishes every success to the event and he believes that there will be future opportunities for his participation.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

With best regards,

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From: [REDACTED] (ENV)
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 5:46 PM
To: BRAUN Helena (CAB-TIMMERMANS)
Cc: MAILLET Aurore (CAB-VELLA); [REDACTED] (ENV)
Subject: FVP Timmermans' participation- Conference on Sustainable Products in a Circular Economy

Dear Helena,

I hope this email finds you well. After the SUP marathon, it is already time for the next priority ☺

In agreement with Aurore, I am writing to you in order to explore the participation of First Vice-President Timmermans in a conference in Brussels on **'sustainable products in a circular economy' on 26 September 2018**, hosted in Charlemagne Building. His intervention has been scheduled to open the conference early in the morning (around 9.00- before the College meeting) but of course, the programme can be adapted to his availabilities on the day. We are also trying to secure Vice-president Katainen's presence in the closing session (am sending a similar email to Grzegorz).

This conference is organised by Business Bridge Europe (you can check their entry in the transparency register [here](#)), a consultancy specialised in the organisation of high level events involving CEOs.

We consider the conference an excellent opportunity to focus the attention of businesses and public authorities on **sustainable products and the circular economy 2.0**, and an occasion to start reflecting on future next steps to promote the circular economy. Furthermore, the conference will feed the stakeholder consultation process of one of the Circular Economy Action Plan deliverables foreseen 1Q 2019 ('Examine options and actions for a more coherent policy framework of the different strands of work of EU product policy in their contribution to the circular economy'), in the same way we used the Plastics strategy conference last year.

I would really appreciate it if you could **confirm FVP Timmermans' availability and willingness to take part in the event**.

I attach a preliminary agenda to this effect. Please note that Business Bridge Europe is in the process of securing the interventions. Do not hesitate to contact me or [REDACTED] in cc) in case you need further information.

Best regards,

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