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Dear Mr Breton,

I would like to thank you for the discussion on 21 April and inviting us to participate.

We welcome your commitment to achieve a fast recovery for Europe. As a company, **we stand ready to support building a future for Europe that is fair and equal for all, climate neutral, and digital.**

As discussed, the retail sector would appreciate the support to:

- Secure fair competition. Retailers should be given the chance to open regardless of their product range, as long as they implement the necessary protocols to protect the health and safety of workers and customers alike.
- Enable new services, such as drive-through Click-and-Collect and contactless deliveries. We will welcome the support of the European Commission, recommending a harmonised approach that will allow us to operate these types of services in all our European countries as soon as possible.
- Allow for more flexible labour laws that would also secure long-term employment.
- Incentivise trade by relaxing opening hours and lifting Sunday trade bans in countries where they exist.

**We believe that exceptional times call for exceptional togetherness. A new economic reality is upon us.** We have the opportunity to define the future for ourselves – the future we want to see and an economy that works for people and for the planet.

We are grateful for your time and I am looking forward to speaking with you again in a few weeks. My team remains at your disposal should you need any specific information.

All the best,

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