

Dear [REDACTED],

President von der Leyen would like to thank you for your letter of 21 February 2020 in which you request a meeting with her and the CEOs of the EU Steel Industry at her earliest convenience.

Regrettably, despite her interest in such a meeting, the President is unable to give a positive reply to your request due to a very busy schedule in light of the coronavirus pandemic and during *the first months of this new Commission's mandate*.

May we suggest that you contact Executive Vice-President Frans Timmermans responsible for the European Green Deal (e-mail: [frans.timmermans@ec.europa.eu](mailto:frans.timmermans@ec.europa.eu)), or the Commissioner responsible for Internal Market, Mr Thierry Breton (e-mail: [Thierry.breton@ec.europa.eu](mailto:Thierry.breton@ec.europa.eu)), to explore further options for a meeting.

We would like to thank you for your commitment to combatting climate change and thank you for the enclosed European Steel Association's 'A Green Deal on Steel' discussion paper highlighting some of your ambitions and key policy objectives, which we have shared with the competent Members of the College and services.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,