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Member of the European Commission
European Commission

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Dear Commissioner,

On behalf of Orano, I would like to congratulate you for your nomination and for your confirmation by the European Parliament as European Commissioner in charge of Energy.

Orano, a European company, boasts unique, internationally recognised expertise in the nuclear fuel cycle. We implement solutions allowing the European Union to reap the benefits of competitive low-carbon nuclear energy in a safe, secure and sustainable manner. Orano is committed to providing nuclear operators with secure and competitive access to nuclear materials, proven industrial solutions for the recycling of used nuclear fuel and value-added services for the management of radioactive waste as well as the decommissioning of nuclear plants.

Nuclear energy is the first single electricity source in the EU, accounts for 50% of low-carbon power generated in the EU and contributes strongly to the EU's energy security. All energy scenarios considered by the European Commission rely on a significant share of nuclear energy in 2050. The EU needs nuclear energy to reach climate neutrality in a competitive manner. As stated by the European Commission, together with renewable energy, nuclear energy will be the "backbone" of a European decarbonized power system. **It is therefore essential that nuclear energy benefits from a strengthened European framework for climate transition. Nuclear energy should also be part of the new EU schemes aiming at facilitating investments in low-carbon energy technologies.**

Among the energy industries which you will be overseeing, the European nuclear sector is one of the largest. It generates more than half a trillion euros in GDP annually and supports over 1.1 million jobs in the EU. The European nuclear industry is a unique set of companies which strive for innovation and digitalization to improve the sustainability of their industrial processes and their competitiveness. Among them, Orano holds and operate strategic technologies notably for Uranium enrichment and the recycling of used nuclear fuel. They are key parts of the EU's technology sovereignty and its security of supply.

Therefore, I welcome the new impetus given to both a European Green Deal and a strengthened EU industrial strategy by the President of the European Commission. I am confident that the European nuclear industry will quickly emerge as a key, priority sector for Europe. I count on your support.

I look forward to meeting with you in Brussels early next year to exchange views on those challenges and on the way forward. Meanwhile, I wish you all success at the helm of the EU's energy policy.

Sincerely yours,



Chief Executive Officer