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Dear Mr Freimanis,

I hope all is well !

Firstly, I am pleased to send you the attached legal opinion, which looks at the WTO compatibility of a CBAM in combination of with free allowances until 2030 under the EU Emission Trading Scheme (ETS) and export rebates. The opinion has been developed by [REDACTED] at the request from CEMBUREAU and four other associations. A key conclusion from the opinion is that WTO law does not *per se* prohibit such co-existence of measures, provided that an appropriate methodology is used to calculate the exact scope of CBAM measures so as not to overlap with the coverage of ETS free allowances. We hope this legal opinion will be helpful and we would of course be pleased to discuss it.

In addition, I wanted to ask whether you would be available for a brief virtual meeting in the coming weeks, which would be the occasion to introduce our sector and discuss CBAM.

As things stand, we would be available on the following dates:

- 31st May anytime
- 1st June afternoon
- 2nd June afternoon
- 3rd June anytime
- 4th June anytime
- 7th June afternoon
- 8th June morning
- 9th June afternoon
- 10th June morning
- 14th June afternoon
- 15th June morning
- 16th June anytime
- 18th June anytime

Would any of these dates be convenient from your perspective?

Finally, as per our discussion below, I also wanted to remind you that we would also be delighted to organise a brief meeting between a group of our CEOs and the Executive Vice-President at a convenient time.

I thank you in advance for your response and I look forward to hearing from you.

Best Regards,

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail, all the information you provided is very interesting and useful. As regards CBAM, at this point we are still at the level of Impact Assessment, which is close to be finalized and transmitted to the Regulatory Scrutiny Board (RSB). At this point we think it would be premature for EVP to have a 45 minutes long meeting, as we don't know what will be the result of regulatory scrutiny.

Also, to my knowledge, you have met our DG TAXUD colleagues working directly with the file on several occasions, and if I'm not mistaken, you're meeting TAXUD again on February 25. On the other hand, DG TAXUD confirmed that CEMBUREAU's suggestions submitted to the public consultations and in bi-lateral meetings and seminars are being taken into account.

Given all the above mentioned, we will be happy to return to this conversation at some later stage when the RSB opinion on the impact assessment will be known.

Have a nice afternoon,

Best regards,

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Dear [REDACTED]

Referring to my message below, I was wondering whether the information I provided you with has been useful? I hope we can indeed arrange a meeting between the EVP and our CEO's on this important topic.

Best regards,



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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for your message. In terms of an engagement with our CEO's, I envisage a (virtual) meeting with around 7-8 CEO's, all with EU wide responsibility where we would start to briefly set out our position on CBAM and CEO's can complement with input on the impact and relevance for their operations in Europe. I would envisage this to be an interactive discussion with the EVP where CEO's will certainly be interested to hear his views and enter into a lively

discussion. I am aware that the EVP's time is precious so I would envisage a meeting to last between 45 minutes and one hour. We applied the same format in meetings with EVP Timmermans and Commissioner Breton but we are of course open to suggestions from your side.

As to the date, we are completely open. We have a group of about 13 CEO's so finding availability of 7-8 amongst them on any given date should be feasible.

Best regards,



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Dear [Redacted]

On behalf of the Executive Vice-President Valdis Dombrovskis, I would hereby like to thank you for your correspondence from 15 January.

I would like to come back to you regarding your invitation for the EVP to join a discussion with the CEOs to discuss the position of the cement industry in relation to the ongoing discussions on CBAM.

May I ask about the format of this possible discussion? Do you have an idea about how many and which CEOs would be present? How long would the discussion be and for which date could you foresee it?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,



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Dear Mr Executive Vice President,

In the attached, I have the pleasure of presenting you with a study carried out by PwC for CEMBUREAU, the European Cement Association, in relation to the carbon border adjustment.

We are aware that an impact assessment is currently carried out ahead of the publication of a legislative proposal by the Commission in June. The cement sector is frequently mentioned as one of the pilot sectors for a CBAM.

In this context, I would very much appreciate if you could make some time available for a discussion with our CEOs where we can further present the study and discuss the position of the cement industry in relation to the ongoing discussions on CBAM.

Yours sincerely,



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