For the kind attention:
Ursula von der Leyen
President
European Commission

Your Excellency,

Please accept my sincere gratitude for the hospitality and fruitful meetings with representatives across the European Commission during my trip to Brussels earlier this month.

Our discussion underscored how closely aligned the COP28 Presidency and European Commission visions are in the need to accelerate a just energy transition I note the Commission is developing a Global Target on renewables as well as energy efficiency, and that the directions of the Pledges are well aligned.

As discussed, the COP28 Presidency has been working on a Global Renewables Pledge. By signing the Pledge, signatory countries commit to collectively increase global renewable energy capacity by three times the 2022 levels to 11,000 GW by 2030, set ambitious national targets aligned to NDCs, and take action on incentivizing and unlocking renewables enablers such as permitting, grids, technology, and financing. We very much welcome the proposal to couple this with a target on the doubling of energy efficiency by 2050.

Winning wide global support for the Global Targets and delivering a robust Pledge(s) by COP28, requires a broad coalition of support.

In order to help build that support, we would like to join forces with the Commission and work together on one Global Renewables/Energy Efficiency Pledge for COP28. I welcome your feedback on how to also align with a global target on energy efficiency to support and accelerate decarbonisation.

I hope that we can work together to refine the draft Pledge, encourage country support through our diplomatic networks, and leverage our presence in major international fora to expand the coalition towards collective targets. I am committed to being personally involved in the work, and propose to have regular touchpoints together, as well as joint working team meetings to advance the Pledge. My renewables team, led by [Name] ([email]@cop28.com), will join forces with your team to make this happen.

I am confident that together we can drive both ambition and action and deliver impactful and robust multilateral commitments at the World Leader’s Summit in the opening days of COP28.
I note the upcoming EU Energy Ministerial and Ministerial on Climate Action on 13-14 July as a key moments to foster momentum. I hope our teams can work together on similar positive joint messages stemming from these meetings to those in the joint press release from my June visit.

I welcome your feedback and look forward to working closely with you on renewables in both the coming months to COP28 and the critical years to 2030.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

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