Your Excellency,

I am delighted to confirm our strong willingness to work hand in hand with the COP Presidency and to co-lead on developing a global initiative on renewables and energy efficiency, in line with the 1.5°C objective of the Paris Agreement. This initiative can become a key deliverable of COP28.

COP28 will be a unique opportunity to create a global momentum on the need to accelerate the clean energy transition in this critical decade. The European Commission is pleased to join forces with you and your team to transform this opportunity into a concrete and truly global initiative.

Our vision is indeed aligned. The global annual deployments of renewables need to triple to reach approximately 1,000 GW annually between now and 2030, according to our analysis notably based on the findings of the IEA and IRENA. This should be complemented by a metric to ensure that the overwhelming majority of new capacities deployed are renewables. We also propose to work towards a collective objective of doubling the global rate of energy efficiency improvements already this decade compared to the previous one. Together, these objectives ensure that the world’s energy sector would decarbonize at a pace in line with the Paris Agreement in the years between now and 2030.

We warmly welcome your offer for further exchanges with your team. I am pleased that meetings at working level to further align our approaches are progressing well.

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I also agree that it is important to make full use of upcoming international meetings, such as those in the context of G20, to put forward bold messages and create a political momentum around these new collective objectives on renewables and energy efficiency. My team will closely coordinate with yours to align and reinforce messages to that effect.

I look forward to continuing our joint work on this critical file in the coming months and beyond.

Yours sincerely,

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