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Dear Mr Blankfein,

The President of the European Commission, Mr José Manuel Barroso, asked me to thank you for your letter of 13 December, kindly inviting him to attend a dinner on the occasion of the 2014 World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in Davos, which was held on 23 January.

Mr Barroso would have very much liked to exchange ideas on the state of the global economy with other world business and policy leaders. Unfortunately, with deep regret, he was unable to attend this dinner, due to his existing commitments on the evening in question.

The President asked me to pass on his apologies for the late reply.

Yours sincerely,