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Dear [REDACTED]

EuropeanIssuers met yesterday with VP Dombrovskis' cabinet to present their vision for the next 5 years (based on the strategic document attached).

As it will be for the next Commission to decide on new actions, the meeting focused rather on general, key messages for the next Commission to consider.

- **On CMU:**

- EuropeanIssuers insisted again on the need to do more to support IPOs. Although the economic context (low growth and interest rate) can explain part of the difficulties identified, they also mentioned regulatory burden as a reason for not seeking a listing or for delisting. MAR in particular was flagged as still too burdensome.
- The need to review the MiFID II level 2 rules on research was raised again.
- EuropeanIssuers called for more efforts to harmonise insolvency and taxation. They acknowledged that the Commission had already tried, but insisted on the need to keep on trying.

- **On sustainable finance:**

- EuropeanIssuers warned against imposing too strict disclosure and reporting obligations. Companies sometimes have different non-financial reporting requirements at national and EU level. Too heavy reporting requirements impair companies' competitiveness, which may end up conducting their business outside the EU.
- Instead, they called for simplifying and harmonising all the reporting requirements to make them both less burdensome for issuers and clearer for investors.
- Although they welcomed the work done on NFRD, they feared that the Commission would want to reopen it again in the coming year(s). Changing the rules too often translates into costs without benefits for issuers. Rules should be agreed for a minimum period of time (10 years) to enable their benefits to show before choosing to amend them.

- **On corporate reporting:**

- EuropeanIssuers echoed again their concerns about increasing the overall reporting burdens for corporates and the cumulative effect of different financial (and non-financial) reporting requirements.
- Companies listed on MTFs (and SME growth markets) should have the right to choose between national GAAPs or full IFRS.

- A call for evidence should be launched on the cumulative impact of financial services legislation on companies, with a stronger focus on non-financial corporates as end-users of capital markets.

Best regards,

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