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## European Round Table for Industry

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Dear Executive Vice-President Timmermans,

On behalf of the European Round Table for Industry (ERT), I would like to thank you for our very constructive and insightful exchange last week, 25 June 2020.

As you know, our Member companies are committed to climate neutrality and we welcome your support for strengthening European industries' global competitiveness, while decarbonising. The challenge is not whether, but how to achieve neutrality in a way that enhances European leadership and competitiveness, and encourages the other 90% of the world (in terms of global emissions) to take similarly bold actions.

Indeed, the challenges and opportunities for each sector are different, which demands specific approach as well. The climate imperative demands robust action. We are more than ready to play our part.

The Green Deal has all potential to become Europe's growth strategy alongside the digital agenda. Continued close co-operation between public authorities and the private sector can ensure a successful implementation.

Therefore, we would much appreciate if you could join us as the keynote speaker at the ERT Plenary Session on the morning of Monday 23 November in Bilbao, attended by around 50 ERT Members, all CEOs and Chairs from around 55 of Europe's largest companies in the industrial and technological sectors (see the attached Members list).

We would be delighted if you could join us at the formal dinner the evening before as well, for which Pedro Sánchez Pérez-Castejón (Prime Minister of Spain) has been invited as keynote speaker.

I also noted your interest in solutions for carbon accounting. Our Secretariat in Brussels will reach out to your services to connect the people in charge.

We hope that you can accept our invitation and look forward to continuing the dialogue.

