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Subject: Meeting between Commissioner Sinkevičius and IKEA/INGKA Group – 27/09/2022
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Dear colleagues,

Please find below a short report with key points from the meeting between the Commissioner and IKEA/INGKA Group.

With kind regards,

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Meeting between Commissioner Sinkevičius and IKEA/INGKA Group – 27/09/2022 – 16:15-16:45

Participants: Virginijus SINKEVIČIUS, Rozalina PETROVA (CAB), [REDACTED] (DG ENV-B1), [REDACTED] (DG ENV-F1), Jesper BRODIN (IKEA/INGKA Group), [REDACTED] (IKEA/INGKA Group), [REDACTED] (IKEA/INGKA Group)

Key takeaways:

- The Commissioner presented the EU's workstream on Circular Economy (Sustainable Product Initiative, Waste Legislation, and Sustainable Textiles) and investigated about IKEA's view on the proposals, how consumers are reacting and which are the main challenges faced.
- IKEA is active in two areas: speed up of permitting procedures for renewable energy projects and circular economy. These topics were also addressed in a recent meeting with FR. On forestry, IKEA is waiting for a clearer picture of the legislative framework.
- IKEA is trying to export its mattress recycling facilities (already active in NE) in many EU countries. The company asked for legislation:
 - To create collection points and facilities to keep the mattress dry (otherwise recycling would not be possible).
 - To allow cross-border movement of waste mattresses.
 - an obligation to respect the waste hierarchy.
 - improvement of the definitions.
 - Removal of the incentives for incineration.
- IKEA welcomed the upcoming proposal on Green Claims, particularly clarifications on eco-labels and symbols, and the Digital Passport.
- The company invited the Commissioner in the mattress recycling facility in NE and gave its availability to work on biodiversity, COP15, and sustainable textiles.