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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND WATER

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Dear Commissioner Cañete,

It is my pleasure to invite you or a high level representative of your Cabinet to attend the conference entitled "Climate change and the challenges before the Bulgarian business and employment" which will take place in Sofia, Bulgaria, on 18 May 2016.

The Conference is organized by the Ministry of Environment and Water, the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy and the Ministry of Energy in partnership with the Confederation of Independent Trade Unions of Bulgaria (CITUB), the Confederation of Labour "Podkrepa" (KT Podkrepa), the Association of Industrial Capital in Bulgaria (BICA), the Confederation of Employers and Industrialists in Bulgaria (KRIB), the Bulgarian Industrial Association (BIA), the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Chairmen of Federations.

The conference will include several panels of presentations and discussions grouped by topics as follows:

- National commitments: EU position on climate change; Bulgaria after the signing of the Global Agreement to combat climate change;*
- Standpoints of trade unions in the sector for extraction of raw materials: standpoints of trade unions regarding the challenges before the workers arising from the signing of the Global Agreement to combat climate change.*

I am convinced that the participation of Commission's representative will be of great value and will provide an excellent opportunity to exchange experience and good practices in the above-mentioned areas.

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I am looking forward to welcoming you and your colleagues at the Conference!

Yours sincerely,

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