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Dear Commissioner,

I am pleased to inform you that Aspen Institute Italia and Harvard Kennedy School in cooperation with the Italian Ministry of Environment are organizing the *international workshop* – titled “*Climate Strategies post-COP21 and Sustainable Economies in Europe*” - to be held in **Florence** on **July 1, 2016**. On the morning of **July 2** a public debate will follow.

The workshop of **July 1** will be an occasion of dialogue among Italy, Europe and the US that aims to stimulate an informal “off the record” discussion on several crucial issues in the context of sustainability, in particular in light of the recent Paris agreement on climate change. As you can see from the attached program the debate will focus on investing in renewable sources, putting forth new policy options to face the emerging scenarios and, more generally, the transition versus a more sustainable economy.

During the public debate of **July 2** the Italian Minister of the Environment will present the guidelines of national environmental policies. Discussion will also focus on the choices of local administrations: the role of the cities in fact is crucial for making progress.

We would be particularly grateful if you would accept to act as an initial commentator (a 5-7 minute intervention) in **Session I** from our agenda – titled “*The Roadmap after Paris: Scaling up Europe’s Low-Carbon Transition*” scheduled on July 1 (11:30am-1:00pm). Your contribution for the success of our initiative would be highly appreciated. Naturally, we also trust you will join the discussion and offer your points of view throughout the rest of the conference.

In accordance with Aspen tradition, we aim to gather several high level figures from a selected number of European countries and from the US, as well as other international decision-makers from politics, academia and business, including the Institute’s board members.

Please feel free to contact me or [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]@aspeninstitute.it), in charge of the organization of the event, for any further information or clarification.

In looking forward to hearing from you soon, I send my best regards.

Yours sincerely,

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