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Dear [redacted],

Thank you for your letter which was also addressed to Ms Marianne Thyssen, Member of the European Commission responsible for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility, in which you asked about my participation in future preparatory meetings ahead of the Tripartite Social Summit.

As you know, I have introduced a number of changes to the way the Commission works. This includes the appointment of several Vice-Presidents who are in charge of a number of well-defined priority projects and key areas of the Commission's Political Guidelines.

In this context, I decided to entrust purposefully to Mr Valdis Dombrovskis, Vice-President of the Commission responsible for Euro and Social Dialogue, the role to steer and coordinate the work in the area of social dialogue and precisely to re-launch and strengthen the European social dialogue. It is in this capacity that I have asked Vice-President Dombrovskis, accompanied by Commissioner Thyssen, to chair the informal preparatory meeting for the Tripartite Social Summit.

This specific arrangement does of course not preclude any further trilateral or bilateral meeting opportunities we could have. I was pleased to see you again at the Tripartite Social Summit on 15 October and look forward to pursuing our close cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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