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Dear Commissioner Simson,

On behalf of the International Association of Oil & Gas Producers (IOGP), representing 83 members active in the global upstream industry and 32 in Europe producing around 90% of Europe's oil and gas, we would like to congratulate you for your appointment as Commissioner in charge of the energy policy and congratulate the whole College for taking up its duties on 1 December.

The political guidelines of President von der Leyen set out a clear ambition for the EU with a clear focus on a transition to a healthy planet while upgrading the social market economy. The European Green Deal that was just adopted by the college is the first delivery of this European Commission and sets out an ambitious plan for the EU to lead on the reductions of the CO2 emissions. We welcome the adoption of the green deal. I take advantage to attach here our press release in this respect.

The energy policy has a great role in this respect with a large part of the green deal having a direct impact on your policy area. You will therefore have a leading role in the implementation of this communication while ensuring that the energy sector remains competitive, offers affordable energy to consumers and ensure the security of supply to the benefit of the EU citizens.

The global upstream industry shares the global ambition to tackle climate change in the framework of the Paris Agreement, and it wants to play its part to help the EU in its ambition to reach climate neutrality by 2050. In this respect, IOGP developed and are implementing the most promising and delivering new technologies to decarbonise the energy sector, namely the blue Hydrogen and the Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS).

We therefore feel a sense of urgency to meet you and further discuss the challenges, the ambitions and the opportunities that the global upstream oil and gas industry can offer at global and EU level. We have always been a respectful and committed partner of the EU Institutions and we would be extremely happy if we could pursue further with you the excellent collaboration we have enjoyed with your predecessor and your services.

We truly hope your agenda will allow us to meet hopefully soon and we look forward to receiving some proposals of dates for a meeting and starting our fruitful cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

