



**FRANS TIMMERMANS**  
Executive Vice-President

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*Dear Minister,*

*Thank you for your letter of 29 January 2020, and for kindly inviting me to join the European Plastics Pact event and to give a keynote speech on 6 March 2020 in Brussels. I highly welcome the focus on the new Circular Economy Action Plan deliberations.*

*Regrettably, due to already existing commitments, I am not be able to accommodate your invitation but I am certain that there will be other occasions in the future.*

*I would like to take this opportunity to send my best wishes for a successful event.*

*Yours sincerely,*

Frans Timmermans

Ms S. van Veldhoven – Van der Meer  
Minister  
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