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Subject: RE: Interview for a master's thesis on lobbying and the EU Circular Economy package
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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your kind mail and request to have an interview on the EU Circular Economy package with Ms Helena Braun, Member of the Cabinet of the First Vice-President, Mr Frans Timmermans.

Please accept our apologies, as I am afraid that Ms Braun is unable to give a positive response to your request due to her very heavy agenda over the coming weeks.

We would encourage you to contact [REDACTED] in Directorate General for Environment at [REDACTED] [@ec.europa.eu](mailto:[REDACTED]@ec.europa.eu)

Thank you in advance for your understanding and wishing you all the best.

With kind regards,

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Subject: Interview for a master's thesis on lobbying and the EU Circular Economy package

Dear [REDACTED],

My name is [REDACTED], I have a bachelor's degree in 'European Law' from Maastricht University and currently I am studying 'Master of Advanced

International Studies' at the Diplomatic Academy in Vienna. At the moment, I am in the process of writing my master's thesis under the supervision of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Department of Political Science at the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at Maastricht University.

My master's thesis will be about the process of decision making in the EU and, more specifically, the role of interest groups in the formation of the EU Circular Economy package. In order to be able to analyse this in depth, I will use the method of process-tracing and I am, therefore, dependent on expert input on this particular political process. I would like to kindly ask you, whether you would be available for a Skype interview on the topic between Thursday, 4 April, and Thursday, 18 April 2019. The semi-structured interview would take 20 minutes of your time. Please confirm your availability until Wednesday, 3 April 2019.

Attached to this e-mail, please find an abstract of my master's thesis. I am also happy to send you the questions for the interview in advance. In addition, should you wish I will provide a copy of the final thesis.

In case you are not able to elaborate on your views personally during an interview, I would kindly ask you, whether one of your colleagues with insights into this matter would be available or, alternatively, whether you could give brief answers on the questions in writing.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Kind regards,

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