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European Round Table for Industry

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Dear Executive Vice-President Timmermans,

We would much appreciate it if you could join us as the keynote speaker in person at our Plenary Session on the morning of Monday 22 November in Bilbao, attended by around 60 Members of the European Round Table for Industry (ERT), all CEOs and Chairs from Europe's largest companies in the industrial and technological sectors.

The current Membership list is attached, and we normally have 95% attendance at our Plenary meetings.


We would be delighted if you could join us at the formal dinner the evening before as well, Sunday 21 November, for which Pedro Sánchez Pérez-Castejón (Prime Minister of Spain) has been confirmed as the keynote speaker.

We believe that a meeting between you and the full Membership would be of great value. This would provide an excellent opportunity to exchange on the Green Deal and the recent 'Fit for 55' package.

The Members of ERT fully support the EU's ambition to make Europe the first climate-neutral continent by 2050 and the EU's greenhouse gas reduction target of 55% by 2030. We believe that the Green Deal can be a fundamental part of Europe's future strategy towards a more sustainable and digital society, supported by a robust industrial policy to boost the European industry's global competitiveness and secure long-term access to clean energy at competitive prices.

Achieving these targets will require an unprecedented level of innovation and investment. European industry is ready to act and – with the right framework – can contribute within and outside Europe to the mitigation of climate change.

I realise that there will be many demands on your time.

Also, on behalf of our host  of Iberdrola), we would therefore be most grateful if you are able to accept and join us at our Plenary meeting in Spain in November.

Yours sincerely,

