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Dear Vice-President Timmermans,

PlasticsEurope is the pan-European trade association representing plastics manufacturers in Europe, with centres in Brussels, Frankfurt, London, Madrid, Milan and Paris.

In recent years, our members have undergone a transition to embrace the role of plastics in a circular economy, engaging with your services and various figures in the European institutions, and with governmental and non-governmental actors and industry partners across Europe in the process.

This transition has occurred alongside various initiatives from the European Commission under the umbrella of the Circular Economy Action Plan and EU Strategy for Plastics in a Circular Economy, all of which we have broadly embraced and are reflected in the industry's evolving commercial offering and innovation pipeline.

The recent Covid-19 pandemic has demonstrated clearly the essential role played by plastics across a variety of sectors, from personal protective equipment and medical applications to protecting food or providing physical separation in workplaces.

As we seek to emerge from the crisis and ensure a quick economic recovery, the plastics industry remains fully committed to continuing on our circularity journey to allow us to continue to provide these essential products. We support the European Commission's Green Deal and Circular Economy objectives, including the ambitious legislative timelines associated with these. We believe that plastics are a fundamental component of achieving Europe's Green Deal aspirations across all industry sectors, and we acknowledge that plastics waste and marine litter must be further addressed in order to fully realise the potential of the plastics sector in the EU Green Deal.

On this note, we would like to invite you to deliver the keynote address at the forthcoming PlasticsEurope General Assembly, to be held virtually on 24 June 2020.

The meeting will gather the CEOs and regional leaders of our [member companies](#). We would be most interested in hearing from you on the European Commission's Green Deal ambitions, and your expectations of the plastics sector in delivering on these objectives.

We very much hope that you could positively consider this request, and look forward to continuing our fruitful dialogue with the European institutions over the coming years.

Yours sincerely,



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