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Dear Commissioner,

BUSINESSEUROPE's new position paper
"On the road to Paris: A GLOBAL DEAL IS OUR BUSINESS"

This year is decisive to make a significant move towards global climate action. The stakes are very high, not only for business but also for all actors with a role in the fight against climate change in view of COP21. European business expects Paris to be a turning point in global climate efforts.

BUSINESSEUROPE believes industry has a central role to play in delivering solutions to addressing the impact of climate change, and it is therefore crucial that the agreement can support business, innovation and growth.

The attached position paper, a collective contribution of BUSINESSEUROPE and its members, provides **ten recommendations** to policy makers with the aim of feeding into the international climate change negotiations. For European business it is essential that the parties to the UNFCCC agree on an ambitious legally-binding agreement, with comparable mitigation efforts from major emitters, including emerging economies. This is crucial to drive the competitiveness of European industry, supporting global emissions reductions in an efficient manner and providing a sound global level playing field. Market based mechanisms should also be anchored in the new agreement with the aim of enabling a global, compatible and linkable carbon market in the long-term.

Business is also a significant part of the solution to addressing the impacts of climate change. Therefore, an institutional channel for business engagement should be recognized in the implementation of the new agreement.

You can count on our support and my personal commitment to engage in a constructive dialogue in the run-up to the COP21.

Yours sincerely,

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