Dear Social Partners,

We thank you for your letter dated 24 of April regarding the European social partner agreements and better regulation. We appreciate your concerns regarding this issue and highly value your opinion.

As you know, better regulation is a key priority for the Commission, and it can only be successful on the ground if other EU institutions, Member States and stakeholders, in particular social partners, cooperate. Therefore we would appreciate your suggestions on how the Commission’s better regulation agenda could improve the efficiency, effectiveness and transparency of EU law; including the social partners’ agreements under article 155, paragraph 2 of TFEU. We therefore would like to invite you for a meeting that will take place on 12th of May at 17:30 in the premises of the European Commission, Berlaymont, Rue de la Loi 200, Brussels.

As regards the format of your participation, we would appreciate to have 3 representatives from the employers’ side and 3 representatives from the trade union side. The Commission will be represented by both of us and by Commissioner Thyssen.

Yours sincerely,

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