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Dear Executive Vice President Timmermans,

With reference to the below I write on behalf of Equinor's CEO Eldar Sætre to inquire about your interest in and availability for a meeting in connection with this event to exchange views on how an industrial actors like ourselves can contribute to make the European Green Deal a success.

Equinor is a trusted partner for many of the largest energy companies of the Union and a strong supporter of the EU-Norway partnership along its many dimensions. We are one of the world largest offshore energy asset operators. We deliver oil, gas and wind power to energize the lives of more than 170 million people. Our vision is to shape the future of energy and our ambition is to be the world's most carbon-efficient oil and gas producer, as well as digital leader in our sector and driving innovation in offshore wind and renewables. We are number five in the world in terms of installed capacity of offshore wind and when our UK 5 GW Dogger Bank project is completed it will be the world largest offshore wind farm. In the Baltic Sea we are working to realize the 3 GW Baltyk offshore wind projects which when completed would power more than 4 million Polish households.

We also seek to be a digital leader in our sector. We believe our newly established Digital Centre of Excellence, Integrated Operations Support Centre and Drilling Operations Centre will be instrumental in driving safety improvements and value creation from operated assets through efficiencies, precision and quality in our work. This year alone more than 6000 of our employees will solve their work tasks differently by using new advanced digital field work solutions, AI and robotics.

Committed to sustainability, we support the Paris Climate Agreement and UN Sustainable Development Goals, we are cutting emissions from our oil and gas activities. In terms of GHG emissions we aim to cut own emissions in Norway towards near zero in 2050, and internationally we will reduce our overall net carbon intensity by 50% by 2050. We are involved in a number of large scale industrial decarbonization projects based on new value chains for carbon storage and sequestration and hydrogen that we believe can contribute strongly to a just transition and we are therefore encouraged by your strong commitment to Europe's energy and industrial transformation and the role hydrogen can play.

We do hope you will prioritize participation to the NHO event on the 17th of March and that a bi-lateral meeting with our CEO can be facilitated.

Looking forward to hear back soon we remain,

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Executive Vice President Frans Timmermans,

I hope this email finds you well.

*On behalf of the Confederation of Norwegian Enterprise (NHO), I would like to invite you to be key not speaker in our conference "Energy solutions for the Green deal" 17<sup>th</sup> March .*

NHO is Norway's largest business and employers organization, with around 28,000 member companies of all sizes within all sectors in the private sector in Norway, and the leading voice of business and industry. Having expert knowledge and an extensive business network, the NHO plays an important and constructive role in Norwegian society. Our main objective is to create and sustain conditions that safeguard the competitiveness and profitability of business and industry in Norway, and thereby maintain the basis for a good standard of living, sound economic growth and sustainable development

The energy and climate partnership between Norway and the EU is a long and fruitful history. Norway is a fully integrated part of the Energy Union, the EU ETS and recently we finalized negotiations on Norway's contributions in the effort sharing towards 2030. Norway is an important energy partner for the EU, and the EU is Norway's most important energy partner. As you are surely aware of the Norwegian energy industries constitute a significant portion of Norwegian value creation and employment. Through a vast network of interconnectors and pipelines Norway is deeply connected to the European power market and an important supplier of natural gas to EU countries. Norway's vast water reservoirs – which represents around half of Europe's hydro storage capacity – and its hydro electric energy system represents a flexible energy bank which alongside natural gas, can provide flexible power to balance the increasing share of renewable power in Europe.

Furthermore, Norwegian industry has high ambitions for the development and deployment of carbon capture and storage technology (CCS). A prerequisite for reaching the ambitions as drawn up in *A Clean Planet for All* in addition to being an enabling technology for producing vast amounts of emission free hydrogen from natural gas.

On **March 17<sup>th</sup> 2020** we will be hosting a conference ***Energy Solutions for the Green Deal at Norway House*** here in Brussels. Here we will gather high level experts, industry leaders, and policy makers from the EU and Norway for a day of discussions on how Europe can reach its ambitious climate and energy targets. We will also use the opportunity to show-case technology and solutions from Norwegian business and industry, which can contribute to decarbonizing the European economy.

We would be honored if you, as Executive Vice President for the Green Deal, would join us as our key-note speaker at this conference and give the audience some insights in your and the commissions ambitions for a new energy future for Europe.

As of now we have already confirmed **state secretary Liv Lønnum** from the **Norwegian Ministry of Petroleum and Energy** and **Mr. Espen Barth-Eide, member of the Norwegian Parliament and former Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs** to share their views on Norway's contributions in achieving a successful European Green Deal.

We are looking forward to an inspiring day with engaging discussions on the future of the EU-Norway energy and climate partnership in light of the Green Deal, and hope you could find the

possibility to participate.

If you have questions to this invitation, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best regards

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