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Commissioner, dear Mr Breton,

On behalf of the associations CLEPA and ACEA, I would like thank you again that you have taken the time last week to discuss the impact of the Covid-19 outbreak on our industry, our activities to address shortages medical supplies and policy measures in response to the crisis.

We appreciate highly your frank assessment of the situation, the openness to support industry and the proposal to **continue the dialogue**.

In the following we would like to **briefly summarise** the main aspects of the discussion and agreed activities, as a basis for the further dialogue.

Medical supplies:

CLEPA and ACEA members are actively involved in the manufacture or contribute to manufacturing of medical supplies, such as masks and ventilators. We are in contact with DG Grow to further help demand meet supply.

Exit strategy:

Both associations are already planning for the time, when restrictions can be lifted or limited, to coordinate and prepare for an efficient resumption of manufacturing and revitalisation of supply chains in full compliance with competition rules. Such supply chains cross many borders in the Single Market and beyond and many of our members operate sites in more than one member state.

We would appreciate political support for this effort, by defining **transparent criteria** to measure progress in mitigating the outbreak, for the lifting of restrictions and a clear **timeline** to **coordinate measures across the EU member states**.

Such a strategy should also cover harmonised guidance on **health and safety measures** for the workplace to avoid a secondary outbreak.

Not least, **demand side measures** to ensure a swift economic recovery will be important very shortly.

Liquidity

We welcome the European Commissions' quick reaction to free funds and to decide quickly on national programmes to ensure liquidity for businesses. This is indispensable to keep otherwise healthy companies alive, supply chains intact and workers employed, in your words, "to sustain the ecosystem". It will now be important to ensure that these funds swiftly reach companies which need them.

Single Market

ACEA and CLEPA regard the Single Market as a great achievement of the EU and its integrity is crucial for further success of the automotive industry. We welcome the work of the European Commission to remove restrictions to the free movement of goods and labour. **The freedoms of the Single Market must be restored fully as soon as possible.** In the short term, **exemptions for essential services**, such as repair and maintenance as well as distribution of spare parts would help maintaining vital mobility and logistics. Green Lanes for goods at border crossings are welcome.

We hope this summary is helpful. Please see attached and for your information and reference a more detailed paper put together by CLEPA outlining our suggestions for policy makers.

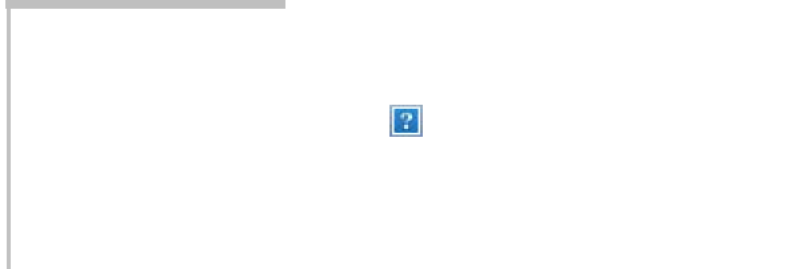
We will be in touch with your offices shortly to determine the next steps in the dialogue and arrange a follow-up call with our CEOs.

With best regards,

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