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Dear Sir/ Madam,

Re. EDC-Free Europe - meeting request re. endocrine disrupting chemicals & Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability

Please find attached a letter with a meeting request from the **EDC-Free Europe coalition** to the attention of Commissioner Virginijus Sinkevius, cc Vice President Frans Timmermans and Commissioner Stella Kyriakides, regarding the forthcoming Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability and endocrine disrupting chemicals.

EDC-Free Europe is a coalition of public interest groups representing more than 70 environmental, health, women's and consumer groups across Europe who share a concern about hormone disrupting chemicals (EDCs) and their impact on our health and wildlife. Campaign partners include trade unions, consumers, public health and healthcare professionals, advocates for cancer prevention, environmentalists and women's groups. Website: <http://www.edc-free-europe.org/> The secretariat is hosted by HEAL [Transparency Register number: 00723343929-96](#)

With best regards

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Dear Commissioner Virginijus Sinkevicius

CC: Vice President Frans Timmermans, Commissioner Stella Kyriakides

4 June 2020

Re: Meeting request on Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals and EC Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability

We are writing to you on behalf of the EDC-Free Europe [1], a coalition of public interest groups representing more than 70 environmental, health, women's and consumer groups across Europe who share a concern about hormone-disrupting chemicals and their impact on our health and wildlife.

As part of our feedback to the Roadmap on Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability, we would be grateful to have the opportunity to have a virtual meeting with you to share our views on what we consider to be essential benchmarks for endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs) to be addressed in this framework.

We would like to get the assurance that the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability will be the tool to finally deliver a comprehensive action plan on EDCs, with immediate actions and mid-term-measures to effectively minimise people's exposure to EDCs without further delay, a commitment on hold since it was announced in 2013 with the 7th EAP.

The November 2018 EC Communication "Towards a Comprehensive EU framework on endocrine disruptors (ED)" laid out some key principles and goals for the "EU strategic approach on EDCs", but it did not include a real action plan with specific measures and timelines on how to reach these objectives.

A report from leading scientists on endocrine science presented to the European Parliament in April 2019 stressed again that the EU population is widely exposed to known and suspected EDCs [3] with annual costs related to exposure to EDCs estimated to be 163 billion Euros [4].

In our meeting with you, we would like in particular to exchange views on proposals to:

- **Effectively catch up with the state of knowledge on EDCs and develop a renewed legislative framework** allowing for an horizontal approach to

identify and regulate EDCs in all sectors in order to effectively deliver on the zero pollution ambition for exposure to EDCs in all sectors;

- **Implement with ambition current provisions in sectoral legislation addressing EDCs**, in particular with REACH, the Pesticides & Biocides Regulations, the Cosmetics Regulation, giving full force to the precautionary principle;
- **Establish an EU-list of known and suspected EDCs** to prioritise rapid action to control their use, improve transparency and awareness of supply chains and the public;
- **Protect us from exposure to chemical mixture including EDCs**, to which we are all exposed daily;
- **Enhance public awareness of EDCs**, including immediate measures of information and prevention based on all the information already available.

These requests build on EDC-Free Europe eight demands for an EU EDC strategy and are complementary to the three zero pollution goals in the sphere of chemicals outlined in the joint letter from twenty five health and environment NGOs including several members of the EDC-Free Europe Coalition: “*A chemicals strategy as part of the European Green Deal: time to deliver*” (8 November 2019) [4].

In the absence of improved EU regulations on EDCs and better implementation of current ones, people remain exposed every day to these chemicals through food contact materials, toys, personal care products, furniture, food, water, air pollution, with consequences also for the generations to come.

Our coalition counts on seeing and contributing to tangible progress and results across the EU for much better protection against EDC exposure. This is also an opportunity for the EU to take a global leadership position to put health at the heart of its recovery policies.

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[1] <https://www.edc-free-europe.org/about-us>

[2] Study Requested by the PETI committee, European Parliament, “Endocrine Disruptors : from Scientific Evidence to Human Health Protection”, Barbara Demeneix, Remy Slama, March 2019.

[3] Burden of disease and costs of exposure to endocrine disrupting chemicals in the European Union: an updated analysis, L. Trasande et al. 2016 <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5244983/>

[4] “A chemicals strategy as part of the European Green Deal: time to deliver” 8 November 2019, letter from 25 Environment & Health NGOs https://mk0eeborgicuyptuf7e.kinstacdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/NGO-Letter-to-Ursula-VDL_EGD_final.pdf - Annexe Towards a Non Toxic Environment – NGOs Chemical Policy asks for the New Commission https://www.env-health.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Annex-to-Letter-to-Ursula-VDL_final.pdf