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Dear Executive Vice-President Timmermans,

**Subject: Our joint support to the European Green Deal**

We were very inspired by the discussions on a New Green Deal for Europe during the United Nations General Assembly Week in New York and building on our individual exchanges we would like to jointly voice our support to help the EU achieve its climate neutrality ambition.

Putting sustainability at the heart of government, business and everyone's day to day lives is the biggest opportunity of our lifetime. We are very encouraged by the ambitions of the European Commission and the different workstreams unveiled under the European Green Deal.

We both know that business can be a force for good and the only way to grow is to grow sustainably. As leaders of global companies driving transformative agendas to embed sustainability in our businesses, we fully agree with the need to step up Europe's global leadership role on climate and green growth. We are committed to inspiring others to join the movement with ambitious targets.

We are very different businesses, but we have a lot in common when it comes to climate and sustainability. We both have the ambition to become climate neutral by 2030, notably through a shift towards 100% renewable energy, and are both signatories of the '*We Mean Business Coalition*' which aims to encourage business leaders to tackle climate change.

When we were in New York we had the chance to witness a real determination to work for change during a dinner hosted [REDACTED], which brought together 10 young climate activists and 10 CEOs.

After the dinner we both sat down to discuss our climate ambition and our recent renewables announcement. The video, available [here](#), has been widely shared on social media and the messages we received were very supportive.

One of the important takeaways from our discussion is that we realized the potential for the EU to become a global leader on climate action, as well as our common interest in helping the EU to make it happen.

We would therefore like to meet you in Brussels to offer practical ideas on how our two companies can contribute to achieving the objectives of the European Green Deal, to use our potential to mobilize the wider business community and to advocate for high ambition in member states.

We can make ourselves already available on Tuesday 3 December or at a later date depending on your agenda. Our European External Affairs Offices will be in touch with your cabinet to verify whether the proposed date is convenient to you.

We would like to wish you all the best in your new role,

Kind regards,

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