



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
Cabinet of Executive Vice-President Mr Frans Timmermans

Head of Cabinet

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Dear Mr [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of 7 April 2020, addressed to President von der Leyen, Executive Vice-Presidents Timmermans and Dombrovskis, Commissioners Breton and Simson, in which you share the International Association of Oil & Gas Producers thoughts on a stimulus package for the European economy, in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. I am replying to your letter on behalf of the above mentioned recipients. Please accept our apologies for the delay replying.

We share your view that there is a need for a coordinated exit strategy and a comprehensive recovery package to counter the negative consequences of the pandemic. Your ideas on those issues are very welcome.

As you rightly point out, our continued efforts to increase the emission reduction ambitions necessitate a far-reaching set of measures. Without the full commitment of industry, this will not be possible. Carbon capture and storage and clean hydrogen projects are indeed important pieces of any coordinated effort in the framework of the Green Deal. You rightly stress that while the contribution of carbon capture and storage and clean hydrogen has been very limited until recently, their prospects are now improving, as demonstrated by the projects underway in Europe.

The European Green Deal is an integral part of the EU's recovery strategy proposed by the Commission on 27 May 2020. Kick-starting a clean hydrogen economy in Europe is an important aspect of the strategy.

For this reason, we are looking forward to a continuing our constructive dialogue with your organisation, to share ideas on how best to achieve the necessary emission reductions through harnessing industrial potential.

Yours sincerely,

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