



IKEA Retail business

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Congratulations to Commission Executive Vice-President Frans Timmermans

Dear Frans,

I was very pleased to discover that you will continue in the leadership team of the Commission for the next term. I really appreciated our discussions in the past on the subject of circular economy and plastics, and I believe the portfolio you will be leading, on the overall sustainability agenda for Europe, is a critical one for our future. I would like to extend my warmest congratulations and to offer my own support and commitment to this cause.

As you know, we have a single guiding vision: to create a better everyday life for the many people. We want to create a new IKEA fit for the future, integrate sustainability into everything we do and achieve true inclusivity based on equality.

When we last met in New York, we discussed the European Green Deal as the flagship proposal during your first days in office. We stand ready to support the development of the Commission proposals. I have followed the emerging details of what the Deal will contain, and I applaud the ambition level you are setting.

I also welcome the holistic nature of the plan, including the many different components that will lead to a sustainable Europe. I do hope that the proposals are truly taken as a whole and will not be written in isolation, as we saw with previous climate packages. We are ready to contribute to the decarbonisation of Europe by 2050, the inclusion of the circular economy as a vehicle to lower emissions as well as ensuring that no one is left behind in the new green economy.

I would firstly like to offer you my support in further mobilising the business community to endorse the ambitious targets that you mentioned during your hearing in the European Parliament. I will do anything I can to make the case for why serious and ambitious climate action is needed for our society now, and why it is good for business. Secondly, I would like to offer my team in Brussels and beyond, to be at your disposal as you draft the proposals, to provide you with the technical input you need from our own experience. Please let us know and we will make it happen.



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I am looking forward to continuing our efforts and I am willing to come to Brussels in the coming weeks or months to further discuss.

Warm regards,



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