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Dear Mr ten Brink,

Thank you very much for your letter of 28 September 2022 addressed to the President of the European Commission, Ms Ursula von der Leyen, on behalf of 18 non-governmental organisations stating your support for the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability and calling on the European Commission to stay on track and stick to the deadlines for regulatory reforms of CLP Regulation. The President asked us to reply on her behalf.

We appreciate your support for the strategy and would like to reassure you that our determination to work towards a toxic-free environment remains unchanged and the Commission stands by our commitment to revise the chemicals legislation.

We will propose a targeted revision of the legislation on the registration, evaluation and authorisation of chemicals (REACH) with the aim of securing European competitive advantages and innovation by promoting sustainable chemicals, simplifying and streamlining the regulatory process, reducing burden and protecting human health and the environment.

The revision of this important piece of legislation requires thorough preparation and consultation, in order to ensure that it is developed in a way that achieves higher protection for health and the environment from hazardous chemicals and supports the EU's competitiveness.

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As Vice-President Šefčovič said in the plenary of the European Parliament, we are finalising our impact assessment and our consultations with key stakeholders. Once this file is ready, we will not hesitate to present it to the European Parliament and the Council.

While the work on the targeted revision of REACH is ongoing, the Commission keeps working to ensure chemical safety through the current rules, notably in accordance with the restrictions roadmap published in April, and also through the other actions announced by the Chemicals Strategy, including the revision of the CLP Regulation the Commission intends to adopt by the end of 2022.

Once again, thank you for your support to the Chemical Strategy for Sustainability.

Yours sincerely,



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