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Dear Secretary General, Dear Mr Wates,

Thank you for your message of 21 April to Commissioner Breton. The Commissioner has asked me to reply on his behalf. I would like to confirm the clear commitment of the European Commission to accelerate the green and just transition to ensure the long-term sustainability, resilience and independence of Europe's economy.

In recent months Europe has been facing high and volatile energy prices. After Russia's unprecedented military aggression of Ukraine, security of supply concerns exacerbate the situation. The case for a rapid clean energy transition under the European Green Deal has never been stronger and clearer.

In March, the European Commission proposed a joint European action for more affordable, secure and sustainable energy "REPower EU". Its main objective is to make Europe independent from Russian fossil fuels well before 2030. In May, the European Commission will adopt an action plan to implement this strategy aiming to accelerate the energy transition as already foreseen in the climate package "Fit for 55" adopted in 2021.

I am sure that the alliance of your non-governmental organisations will support all these initiatives that will contribute in times of crisis to stay on track to achieve long-term sustainability objectives while reinforcing our industrial resilience and ensuring a just and fair energy transition.

Yours sincerely,

Electronically signed
Stefano SORO