

President-elect of the European Commission
Jean-Claude Juncker
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Dear Mr President-elect,
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The new legislature is crucial for progress on the European and global climate agenda. The reform of the emission trading scheme, the 2030 climate and energy package and the agreement on an international climate deal at the climate conference 2015 in Paris are essential building blocks towards an ambitious, international approach to tackle climate change and to foster sustainable growth.

The role of the European Commission, especially of the Climate Action Commissioner and her DG, has been crucial in incentivising Member States to move towards an ambitious European climate agenda with targets and legislation in various policy sectors. The dedicated portfolio has also been able to put together various strands of climate action, including aspects such as energy, finance, transport, technology, and adaptation, mainstreaming them within the EU's policies. This coherent approach is the basis for a leadership role in the UN climate negotiations where the European Union tries to speak with 'one voice'.

The creation of the climate action portfolio was a very powerful signal to our international partners that the EU sees climate action as a priority area and one where it intends to drive the international agenda. A year before the conclusion of a new global climate agreement, this is not the right time to send the opposite signal by not appointing a dedicated climate action Commissioner. If the EU intends to remain a leader in international climate negotiations, next years' extremely busy international agenda alone would require a dedicated Commissioner.

This does not appear compatible with the equally busy and important international and domestic agenda of an Energy Commissioner. The Energy Commissioner will have to put all her efforts and capacities into the energy agenda, which is equally challenging and prominent with topics such as the formation of an Energy Union, the diversification of the EU energy supply in order to make it more secure and sustainable, the 2030 targets on energy efficiency and renewable energy, the finalisation of the internal energy market, and last but not least – letting the EU speak with one voice when engaging with our international energy suppliers.

The links between the two portfolios are undeniable and continued close coordination between the two Commissioners will be essential. Such coordination has been in place under the current mandate, allowing the Commission to put forward coherent and timely proposals for the 2030 climate and energy package. Conversely, where there are conflicting priorities between the climate and energy agendas, it is important

that they are discussed at a high enough level, between Commissioners, rather than arbitrated behind closed doors of a Commission Directorate-General. This practice of the current Commission has allowed for a more politically balanced approach.

A merger of the two portfolios would risk weakening both agendas. I would therefore urge you to ensure that dedicated Commissioners are in charge of each of the climate and the energy portfolios, while ensuring continued close cooperation between the two.

Yours sincerely,

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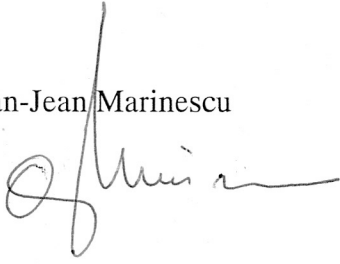
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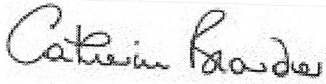


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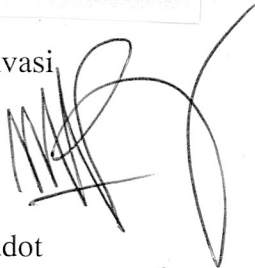
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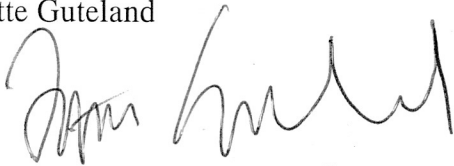
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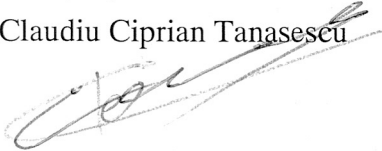
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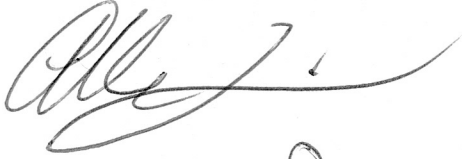
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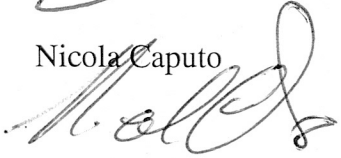
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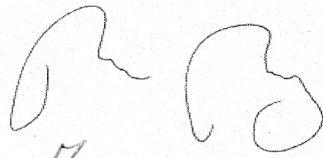
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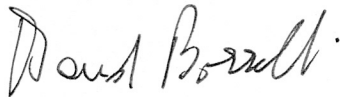


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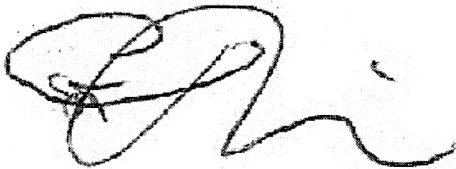
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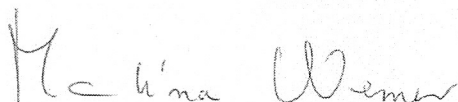
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