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Dear signatories of the open letter on accelerating the green transition,

Thank you for your message of 28 March 2022 addressed to Executive Vice-President Frans Timmermans. The Executive Vice-President has asked me to reply on his behalf.

In your open letter, you call for more ambitious climate policies and to take action to speed up and implement measures that reduce emissions not by 55% but by 65% by 2030.

With the entry into force of the [European Climate Law](#), the EU's new and significantly more ambitious 2030 climate target to reduce net domestic greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% compared to 1990 levels, became a legal obligation.

To implement the enhanced ambition for 2030 and to deliver on the European Green Deal, the Commission adopted on 14 July 2021 the Fit for 55 package of legislative proposals. This package of proposals will require transformational change across the EU's economy and society, matched by a commitment to a socially fair transition, which leaves no one behind. The package is based on a comprehensive set of impact assessments, which - together with the 2030 Climate Target Plan – demonstrate that with the right policy mix the new target is ambitious yet achievable.

The latest report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) underlines the need for the EU to advance quickly with the European Green Deal, to meet the EU enhanced 2030 climate target, and make Europe climate resilient and climate neutral by 2050.

With the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine, the implementation of the European Green Deal has become even more urgent. Against that background, the Commission has presented the outline of a plan called [REPowerEU](#) to make Europe independent from Russian fossil fuels well before 2030, starting with gas. The new geopolitical and energy market reality requires the EU drastically to accelerate the clean energy transition and increase its energy independence. Accelerating the green transition will reduce emissions, reduce dependency on imported fossil fuels, and protect against price hikes.

While the Commission shares the view that the green transition needs to be accelerated, the best way to achieve this acceleration is not a 65% target, but instead swift implementation of the enhanced 2030 target laid down in the European Climate Law, and

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to advance quickly with the implementation of the European Green Deal and the REPowerEU plan.

The legislative proposals of the Fit for 55 package needed to meet the enhanced 2030 target of at least 55% domestic net emission reductions are currently under examination in Parliament and Council. The Commission will play its full role to facilitate the negotiations and help find a swift agreement on these important pieces of legislation delivering the new climate target. I am sure I can count on your continued constructive contribution to the debate.

Yours faithfully,

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