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Dear Mr. Buzek,

The social partners for the European electricity industry, EURELECTRIC for the employers and EPSU/ IndustriAll-Europe for the trade union side, representing the organised voice of the European Electricity industry that is recognised by the European Commission, like to raise the following points with you as chairperson of the High-Level Reflection Group on the future of the European Energy Community.

- The Memorandum of Understanding on the Social Aspects of the Energy Community is to be fully integrated in a revised Treaty;
- The Energy Community Treaty should promote a regional social dialogue, just like the European Treaty promotes a European social dialogue.
- The democratic dimension of the Treaty needs to be strengthened, as currently the Ministerial Council has no Parliamentary counterpart.

We have raised these and many others concerns in our [joint contribution](#) to the Consultation on the social strategy.

We are convinced that these steps are inherent to further develop the Energy Community and to ensure that it achieves its objectives to bring social progress, employment and improved working and living conditions for the people in the countries of the Energy Community. We would like to see these points reflected in the final outcome of the work of the High-Level Reflection Group.

As social partners we have long been involved in the development of the social dimension of the Energy Community. We contributed to the Social Forum, several work groups and consultations. We

have worked on the basis of the Memorandum for many years and have come to experience its limitations as a non-binding document.

The experience of the companies and the trade unions with the Energy Community and the creation of the internal market is that it brings many changes and challenges, just like in the European Union. These changes do deserve to be addressed by the employers and trade unions of the respective countries so as to learn from each others experiences and to contribute to the development of the Energy Community. Hence our demand that the regional social dialogue is supported.

We deem our proposals to be helpful to ensure that the Energy Community develops in the right direction and assists in bringing the economic development, investment and growth the Community countries so strongly need.

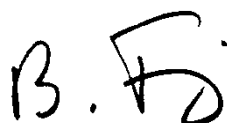
Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information. Our point of contact is Jan Willem Goudriaan, EPSU Deputy General Secretary (jwgoudriaan@epsu.org).

Yours sincerely,

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