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Dear Ms Preiti, Mr Frieg and Mr Ruden,

Thank you for your letter of 13 November as well as your contributions to the consultations on the Green Paper on a 2030 framework for climate and energy policies. We are well aware and appreciate your active involvement in the debate surrounding the preparation of the 2030 Framework, the "Just Transition" project and your interest in the study that assesses the employment impact of the Energy Roadmap 2050.

The Commission is currently finalizing the Impact Assessment, which will accompany a political Communication on the new 2030 energy and climate framework. Both papers will be adopted early next year and on the basis on these proposals and accompanying analysis, we are looking forward to a fruitful debate with all stakeholders. Please remain assured that the social dimension of the European climate and energy policies will be considered in detail. Particular attention will be attached to the potential of the new policies for growth and job creation, new technologies and investments as well as the issue of energy prices, especially for vulnerable consumers.

Looking ahead, we hope that this analysis will provide a solid basis for further discussion and new policy proposals. We count then on the European Social Partners representing employers and employees in the key sectors impacted by the climate and energy policies to help us develop further our understanding of the social dimension of these policies. Both in further discussion and in developing new policy proposals, the input from the social partners will be of great importance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. M. U. C. H.', is positioned below the text 'Yours sincerely,'.