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Mr Jan Ruden
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Dear Mr Ruden,

I would like to thank for your letter and for once again bringing to my attention the contribution of the social partners in the electricity sector, to the public consultation on the external dimension of the EU energy policy.

The Commission services are now in the final stages of preparation of the Communication on this topic, which is expected to be adopted in September 2011. Alongside the Communication, the Commission aims to adopt a Staff Working Document, which will summarise the contributions received from all stakeholders, including from the social partners.

As you rightly point out, the external dimension of the EU energy policy should take account of different imperatives such as economic, security, environmental, social, and others, and should be consistent and mutually reinforcing with other EU policies. Our discussions with other Directorates General have focused on ensuring coherence across different policies and on reflecting relevant priorities in external energy relations, as far as appropriate and possible.

Let me once again thank you for your contribution and I look forward to our further contacts on this issue.

Sincerely,

Philip Lowe

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