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Dear President,

We understand that the European Commission is in the final stages of issuing a proposal for rules of auctioning allowances under the revised EU Emission Trading Scheme (ETS). These rules will be decided under comitology procedure.

Companies subject to the ETS need maximum predictability of the allowance price in order to further invest in cleaner technologies rather than to reduce production in Europe.

It is therefore vital that auctions are organised according to binding, clear, homogeneous and public Community rules, ideally leading to the establishment of a single European platform, in order to maximise cost efficiency and effectiveness.

I would like to underline that all national member federations of BUSINESSEUROPE support this position on a single European platform and sincerely hope that you will take this position of European business into account when deciding on your final proposal.

Yours sincerely,

*Best regards,*

Philippe de Buck