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Dear Minister, *Dear Mr. Maniatis*

You will be discussing the energy and climate package at the Environment and the TTE Council meetings next week with a view to preparing the Spring European Council on 20-21 March 2014.

BUSINESSEUROPE calls on you and your counterparts to give a strong signal to establish the right conditions for supporting investments in Europe and to ensure that industrial competitiveness and growth becomes a policy imperative for the incoming EU political cycle, particularly with energy prices and investment decisions high on the agenda of many businesses and Member States.

The proposed energy and climate package demonstrates openness to ensure that competitiveness, security of supply and climate objectives are better balanced than in the past. However, it still lacks the right level of ambition and concrete actions to address the challenge of high energy prices and safeguard the international competitiveness of European business.

I am pleased to send you herewith, BUSINESSEUROPE's reaction to the package focusing on five key aspects:

- The proposal to focus on a single GHG reduction target post-2020 is positive and needs to be confirmed;
- Europe must set a 2030 GHG reduction target in line with the actions of other developed and emerging countries;
- A genuine reform of the EU ETS must take place for post-2020, not the proposed piecemeal approach;
- Completion of the internal energy market, deployment of cross-border infrastructures and strong coordination of national energy policies must be prioritised;
- The non-prohibitive approach on shale gas shows Europe's determination to explore potentially highly advantageous unconventional energy resources.

I thank you in advance for your support in ensuring a cost-efficient 2030 energy and climate policy.

Yours sincerely,



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