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Dear President,

The business scenario on the future of Europe

Europe is one of the best places in which to live, work, and do business in the world. And this is not by chance. The European Union made the European way of life possible.

BusinessEurope and all of its member federations are strong supporters of the European project, and we have been at the forefront of the construction of the European project from the very beginning. We do believe that improving and adapting the European project is a continuous process. Without doubt, Europe must be the place where we find common answers to common problems.

Taking into account the different scenarios presented in the European Commission white paper on the future of Europe and subsequent reflection papers, BusinessEurope has worked on a business scenario entitled “The way forward: the business vision for the future of the European Union”, which I am pleased to send you herewith.

BusinessEurope and its member federations have an ambitious goal for Europe. We consider that the way forward is to focus on the core elements from scenarios 4 “*doing less more efficiently*”, and add some aspects of scenario 5 “*doing much more together*” reflecting a longer-term perspective, enriched with some additional features, as described in further detail in our paper.

Furthermore, some elements of scenario 3 “*those who want more do more*” could be used as an instrument and a process. However, this should be exceptional, fully respect the rules of the Treaty, and be open to all members. At no point should it create barriers or jeopardise the proper functioning of the EU single market and its four freedoms.

We further develop a number of elements in our paper on how, we believe, we can build a Europe that sets out a vision for the future, and a Europe which delivers growth and jobs along the way. BusinessEurope and its member federations stand united in expressing support for the European integration project, based on our common European values, and are ready to contribute to its continuous progress.

Yours sincerely,



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President



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