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Dear Commissioner,

**Business engagement in the Paris outcomes and next steps in UNFCCC:  
ADP Basis Agreement and Decision text draft (October 5)**

I am contacting you to ask for your support for stronger stakeholder and private sector involvement in the UN system and in the international community's efforts to address climate change. Nowhere is this more important or urgent than in the UNFCCC and the Paris outcomes, which will set a new course for society. Doing this depends on consulting with and animating all stakeholders, including business.

The deletion of almost all innovative and concrete options for stakeholder engagement reflected in previous ADP drafts in the October 5 ADP Basis text is a lost opportunity and seems out of step with both the continuous progress of interaction with stakeholders in the UNFCCC as well as with the recent UN 2030 Development Agenda outcomes.

The current ADP basis text includes no reference to the involvement of business or any other stakeholder in the Agreement, and limits reference to stakeholder engagement only to Work Stream 2 related efforts in the draft decision text.

Business regularly interacts with the EU institutions in the formulation and implementation of climate policy, which BUSINESSEUROPE appreciates as these are opportunities for dialogue and cooperation with the European Commission. We have consistently advocated for business and other stakeholder engagement to be anchored in the Paris outcomes, with relevance to all aspects of the UNFCCC's work and at every step of the process - including agenda setting, expert workshops, policy deliberations and implementation. In our view, this is indispensable to achieving the ambition and scale of action that will be required.

We therefore ask you to support inclusion of text:

- in the Agreement that recognizes the importance of substantive engagement by business and other stakeholders in the UNFCCC as a whole, rather than confined to Work Stream 2 alone;
- in the Decision calling on the IPC to cooperate with stakeholders including business in preparing for the entry into force of the Paris outcomes;
- inviting comments from business and other stakeholders in discussions relating to the review of INDCS in the UNFCCC.

Limiting business efforts to Work Stream 2 risks discouraging the wholesale and long term response that is needed to rise to the challenge and opportunity of COP21.

We look forward to working with you and the Directorate-General for Climate Action to frame Paris outcomes that animate the European business community's innovation and leadership. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Yours sincerely,



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