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Dear Ms Rijnhout, Ms De Burca and Mr De Clerck,

I would like to thank you very much for your letter dated 19 June 2017 to President Juncker. He has asked me to reply on his behalf.

I would also like to thank you for your response to the White Paper on the Future of Europe. The Commission launched this White Paper precisely to engage with civil society, citizens and other stakeholders to initiate a discussion on the future of Europe.

Your contribution to the White Paper process is extremely valuable for the Commission. In this context, I would like to stress that the EU is already providing a substantial contribution to the implementation of the Agenda 2030 on Sustainable Development. As presented in the Commission's Communication on next steps for a sustainable European future (COM 2016/739), the Commission is currently mainstreaming sustainable development into all its policies.

Moreover, the second workstream announced in this Communication intends exactly to launch the reflection work on further developing our longer term vision and the focus of sectoral policies after 2020. The Commission will continue engaging with civil society on this important issue, i.a. through the multi-stakeholder platform on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in the EU (C 2017/2941

We hope to continue this constructive discussion with you in the future.

Yours sincerely,



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