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Honourable Commissioner, Dear Ms Simson,

On behalf of the Roundtable for Europe's Energy Future (REEF), I would like to thank you for taking the time for our video conference on April,3, 2020, in these challenging times.

I was very pleased to have the opportunity to share with you the position and work of REEF and have also subsequently briefed all the members on our exchange. Your resolve to stay committed to the Green Deal and your messages on the key energy initiatives have been well received and REEF shall continue to support the implementation of the vision. We also very much look forward to meeting with you during our next meeting – hopefully in person, once the COVID-19 situation has improved, and shall seek an appropriate date from your office.

As requested by you, we have compiled some preliminary EU Relief package inputs for your consideration. To start with, it would be most helpful if we can remove roadblocks in some key areas to facilitate a co-ordinated response, ensure business continuity and protect jobs. For instance, the categorization of infrastructure for essential services like electricity and the borderless exchange of related products and services across Europe is of great importance. Regulatory roadblocks can also hinder the fight against COVID-19 and impede a speedy green recovery. We have titled our thoughts as *"Recovery through an accelerated Green Deal"*, and framed the proposed initiatives under three focus areas:

1. **Put people first:** reduce the human impact of the crisis through initiatives that protect jobs and small and medium size companies
2. **Accelerate Green Deal implementation:** follow through on commitments and work with large countries like China and US for a bigger global impact in climate change mitigation.
3. **Work better together:** leverage technology and digitalization initiatives to foster greater cross-stakeholder collaboration and smart sector integration.

We would be pleased to elaborate further on the attached document, as required.

I look forward to hearing from you and working together for a sustainable energy future.

On behalf of REEF

Yours sincerely,



Claudio Facchin
Chairman

