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Subject: Contribution of ACEA to the EU's future energy and climate policies

Mr President,

The European automobile industry, an employer of some 13 million people, is committed to driving Europe further on its path to economic recovery. At the same time, we would like to work closely with policy makers to contribute to Europe's climate and energy objectives for 2030 and beyond.

To this end, we are making two recommendations for consideration during the European Council's upcoming discussions on Europe's energy and climate policy framework for the next decades:

- **More balance between climate objectives and global competitiveness**

Europe's cars, vans, trucks and buses currently have the highest environmental standards in the world, and our industry is committed to further progress. However, greenhouse gas emission and renewable energy targets must not be set at the expense of industry's growth and competitiveness in the global marketplace. A stable and competitive industrial basis has to be safeguarded for Europe. As a key pillar of Europe's industrial base, our sector fully supports the Commission's objective of raising industry's contribution to GDP to 20% by 2020. If this vision is to be achieved, the EU's industrial renaissance and climate protection must go hand-in-hand, as part of an integrated EU policy.

- **A level playing field across industries**

EU political leaders should ensure equivalent conditions and targets for all industry sectors. No other industry sector has done as much in driving down emission levels, both from its products and its production sites, as the auto sector. Looking ahead, it is important that all stakeholders contribute equally to achieving the EU's future climate objectives. A comprehensive and cross-sectoral approach has to be developed and implemented.

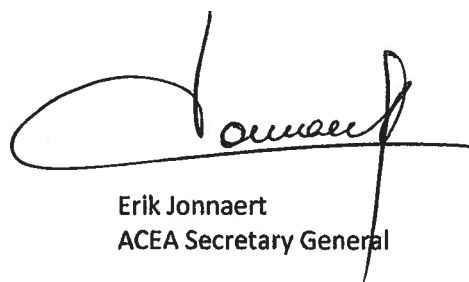
We therefore call upon policy makers to ensure the right balance between environmental protection and the economy, and to secure a strong contribution from all industry sectors to the EU's climate and energy package.

We look forward to a constructive collaboration.

Yours faithfully,



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