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**Subject: Your letter of 12 October 2024**

Dear Mr Deffrenes, Mr Ivens and Mr Crutzen,

Thank you for your letter of 12 October 2024, addressed to President Ursula von der Leyen, regarding the need for a paradigm shift in EU Energy Policy. The President asked me to reply on her behalf.

Regarding your concerns about the current EU energy policy, let me underline that the European Green Deal has driven significant efforts towards decarbonization. In the first half of this year, for the first time ever renewables accounted for more than half of the electricity mix in the EU. The European Commission remains committed to delivering on its climate objectives, notably those set for 2030 and the climate neutrality goal for 2050.

We take note of your concerns about high energy prices and the impact on industry competitiveness and consumers. Expanding renewables and bringing down costs goes hand in hand. Thanks to newly installed photovoltaic and wind generation capacities, EU consumers saved EUR 100 billion from 2021 to 2023. The Commission remains committed to bringing energy prices further down for both industry and citizens. As announced by the President in her Political Guidelines, the Commission will adopt an action plan on affordable energy in the first 100 days of the mandate. This will include measures to boost renewables and promote power purchase agreements, accelerate permitting procedures, and unlock investments in grids.

We also appreciate your support for nuclear energy as a low-carbon alternative. The Commission has expressed its support for technological neutrality and acknowledges that nuclear energy will make an important contribution to achieve the EU's decarbonization

targets. The Commission will pursue its policies to ensure a fast deployment of all renewable energy, as well as of zero and low carbon solutions. The European Commission is also working on a new Clean Energy Investment Strategy to unlock investment in various areas, including energy generation, storage, grids and energy efficiency.

Regarding your call for a deep global energy system analysis, let me assure you that the Commission will make use of the Better Regulation toolbox as appropriate when designing new instruments or revising existing ones.

Thank you again for your input. We will take your concerns and suggestions into consideration as we move forward on energy policy.

Yours sincerely,

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