Dear Ms Harms and Mr Lamberts,

Thank you for your letters of 26 September and 14 October.

I have had already the opportunity to offer my views to you as well as other Members of Parliament on sustainable development in a letter of 25 September. I attach a copy of that letter.

Let me stress that collegiality is the guiding principle of all the work of the Commission. Responsibility for the coherence and quality of Commission proposals is shared by all who work in the Commission. This must be reflected in the way of working from the earliest point in the development of policy initiatives.

The First Vice-President of the Commission will play a central role in ensuring the conformity of proposals with the Treaty and the Charter of Fundamental Rights including with the principle of sustainable development.

I have taken good note of your thoughts and concerns which I intend to address in due time and at any event before the Parliament on the occasion of the vote on the new Commission.

We need to make a new start for Europe and I count on your support to get us moving to deliver it.

Yours sincerely,

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