

To:

Mr. Frans Timmermans

Executive Vice-President for the European Green Deal

Ms. Adina Vălean

Commissioner for Transport

Transition to zero-emission light-duty vehicles

Dear Executive Vice-President Timmermans, dear Commissioner Vălean,

The transport sector accounts for around one quarter of the EU's total greenhouse gas emissions, and emissions are increasing over time. In order for us to deliver on our short and long-term climate ambitions and ensure a shift towards a sustainable transport sector, we must speed up the transition of road transport by committing to zero-emission mobility and give clear signals to manufacturers, fleet owners and consumers.

Towards this purpose, we – the signing Member States AT, BE, DK, EL, IE, LT, LU, MT and NL – count on an ambitious and cost-effective enabling framework with coherent policies and regulation needed to support an accelerated and balanced shift towards zero-emission vehicles as well as predictability for the industry.

Please find enclosed a joint non-paper outlining our common position on four essential priorities to achieving the transition to zero-emission light-duty vehicles. We wish you all the best with your work on the “Fit for 55” package.

Yours sincerely,

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