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Dear Mr Wates,

I would like to thank you for your letter of 8 November 2019 concerning the European Green Deal and the future of the EU chemicals policy. President von der Leyen asked me to reply to you on her behalf.

As written by DG Environment Director General Mr Calleja in his letter to you on 13 January, we strongly believe in the importance of protecting European citizens and the environment from the risks posed by chemicals. This is why the Commission has committed in the European Green Deal adopted on 10 December 2019 to come forward with a Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability to ensure a Toxic-Free Environment.

The new chemicals strategy for sustainability will be the chance to work together for a common vision and objectives in order to strengthen the protection of health and the environment, through stronger legislation but also non-legislative measures. We appreciate your reflections and suggestion on how to overcome current and future challenges in the area of chemicals, and we are confident that our collaboration can be further reinforced in the process leading to the adoption of the chemicals strategy and during its future implementation.

Looking forward to working with you on those crucial issues.

Yours sincerely,

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