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Subject: Your letter from 8th November 2022

Dear Petitioner,

I thank you for your kind letter to Ursula von der Leyen, European Commission President. I was asked to answer you on her behalf. Thank you for bringing your campaign to the Commission's attention and highlighting what the G20 leaders can do to build a more sustainable and resilient future for all. With the European Green Deal, the EU committed to a blueprint for an economy that will lead the EU to being the first carbon neutral continent in the world by 2050. This includes our responsibilities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions within the EU as well as closely working with our G20 partners to reduce global emissions under the Paris Agreement on climate.

With the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the phase out of fossil fuels has become an even bigger priority for the European Union and its member states. We have demonstrated this commitment again internationally at the 27th Conference of the Parties in Sharm El-Sheikh in November 2022. The EU supported the agreement among parties to establish new funding arrangements for assisting developing countries to the effects of climate change. We further launched a new Just Transition Energy Partnership with Indonesia and welcomed South Africa's Just Energy Transition Investment Plan. Additionally, with the commitment of 23.4 billion Euros, the EU and its Member States are the biggest contributors of public climate finance to developing economies.

We appreciate your efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and encourage you to engage citizens in this matter. We will consider your suggestions and will continue our efforts to build a more resilient and sustainable future for all.

Yours faithfully,

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