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Dear Madam Widlicka,

On behalf of President von der Leyen, I would like to thank you for your message of 27 October 2021 in which you include the declarations adopted during the 10th European Forum for New Ideas which took place on 22-24 October in Sopot.

The statement in the Sopot declaration referring to the need “to repair the economic and social damage caused by the coronavirus pandemic and to make Europe after COVID-19 greener, more digital, more resilient and better prepared for current and future challenges”, and the similar objectives identified in the joint declaration of the Mouvement des Entreprises de France (MEDEF), Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie (BDI) and Lewiatan, are fully in line with the Commission’s industrial strategy update which was published this year.

The EU’s updated industrial strategy focuses on the essential need to uphold the Single Market and strengthen its resistance to disruption; the requirement to analyse and address strategic dependencies, both technological and industrial, and to enhance the EU’s open strategic autonomy; as well as the importance of the green and digital transitions for companies.

Our approach is to ensure that our industries are equipped to drive the digital and green transformations of our economy while ensuring the competitiveness of our industries, as well as in the context of the resilience to recover from the coronavirus crisis.

By supporting and extending the scope of key tools already at our disposal, the Commission is committed to working together with all economic actors across the EU. We are pleased that this coincides closely with the declarations made at the EFNI meeting in Sopot in October.

Yours sincerely,

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