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Director-General
DG Environment
European Commission

Subject: Implementation of the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability

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Dear Director-General,

I would like to thank you for your note on the implementation of the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability, which sets out the frame for the contributions of the European Chemicals Agency to this key Commission initiative in support of the European Green Deal. I can assure you that ECHA will do its part to make the Commission's promise to Europe work, with a fit for purpose, impact focused and transparent attitude.

As the Union's Chemicals Agency, ECHA, with all its bodies and staff, is fully committed to contributing to the Commission's implementation activities. At the same time, we are conscious that the work under the current legislative framework has to be delivered within the available resources. This was emphasised in advance by your services during the development of the strategy, and by yourself during your much-appreciated interventions to our staff and Management Board.

Within the Agency we have started to assess the initial actions earmarked in your note as requiring support from ECHA and to check their compatibility with the work programme adopted by the Management Board in December 2020. As necessary we will propose clarification or reallocation of resources to the Board in the coming months in light of the evolving Commission requirements outlined in your note. We also reached out at working level to your services to ensure full alignment on the expectations for ECHA's contributions and look forward to intensifying this cooperation in the months to come.

As contact person for the overall coordination of the Strategy I would like to nominate Mr Jack de Bruijn, Director for Prioritisation and Integration. The specific contact persons for the actions where ECHA will be involved will be communicated in due course to your services in the context of the working level contacts.

I am very much looking forward to working together with the Commission and relevant agencies on achieving the vision and objectives of the Commission's Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability.

Yours sincerely,

*[e-signed]*¹

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