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First Vice-President

Brussels,

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Dear Mr Teixeira,

Thank you for the letter of 1 April which you transmitted on behalf of Transparency International EU, the European Public Affairs Consultancies Association, and the Society of European Affairs Professionals.

You jointly call on the three EU institutions to fulfil the political promise of making the EU Transparency Register mandatory. I support your call and remain committed to deliver a truly mandatory Transparency Register, as proposed by the Commission, as soon as possible.

As you know the core element of our proposal is the principle that decision-makers shall not meet with unregistered interest representatives. The Commission's experience applying this rule for the past four years has been positive and we have also seen a significant increase in registrations.

At the latest political level meeting, the three institutions' negotiators agreed to continue discussions on the technical aspects of the package of instruments regarding the Transparency Register, in order to achieve a political agreement as soon as possible. The technical work continues to that end, but ultimately progress will depend on all three institutions accepting the 'not on the Register, no meeting with decision-makers' principle in a meaningful way.

Yours sincerely,

Frans Timmermans