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Subject: EU's Nationally Determined Contribution

Dear Ms Morton,

Dear Mr Dekker,

Thank you for your joint letter dated 3 December 2020, addressed to Vice-President Frans Timmermans. Replying on his behalf, I would like to first of all stress that your letter makes a timely contribution to our policy debate and the mitigation actions we are exploring in view of decarbonisation of the energy system, in line also with the European Green Deal.

As mentioned in your letter, sustainable biogas production from waste and residue streams has been already identified as having an important mitigation potential, as spelled out in the recently adopted EU Methane strategy.

Acknowledging this potential, many Member States have already included sustainable biogas production as one of the mitigation measures under their National Energy and Climate plans, which we are confident, will have a positive impact on its suitable deployment.

Last but not least, the Commission efforts to further streamline and improve the EU certification system of energy sources will also contribute to supporting the deployment of sustainable energy carriers and production paths in the future energy mix.

I would like to reassure you about our commitment, as part of our EU energy and climate policy, to further encourage Member States to deploy sustainable mitigation solutions in their national energy mix, where sustainable biogas production has its role to play.

Yours sincerely,

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