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CC: Jean-Claude Juncker, President, European Commission
Karl Falkenberg, Director-General DG Environment, European Commission
Catherine Day, Secretary-General, European Commission
Bernardus Smulders, Head of Cabinet of Commission Vice-President Timmermans

Dear Vice President Timmermans,

With this letter, we hereby submit a request for access to documents according to Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents, Regulation (EC) No 1367/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 September 2006 on the application of the provisions of the Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters to Community institutions and bodies, and the Aarhus Convention itself to which the EU is a Party.

On 16 December 2014 you announced the plan to withdraw the following proposal as adopted by the European Commission on 2 July 2014:

Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directives 2008/98/EC on waste, 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste, 1999/31/EC on the landfill of waste, 2000/53/EC on end-of-life vehicles, 2006/66/EC on batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators, and 2012/19/EU on waste electrical and electronic equipment / COM/2014/0397 final - 2014/0201 (COD) */*

When announcing this plan, no analysis or evidence was provided that would justify such a decision.

On the grounds of Art 6 of the Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 we therefore apply for access to any document that provides, or purports to provide, the justification for the planned withdrawal of the aforementioned proposal, COM/2014/0397 final – 2014/0201 (COD).

We furthermore request access to all documentation held by your office or the Secretariat General produced since the new Commission taking up office and correspondence between any

of the Commission's directorates and agencies which directly relates to the plan to withdraw the
aforementioned legislative proposal.

This includes email correspondence, minutes of meetings, data exchange and all other relevant
information or documentation.

We would be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of this request and look forward to a
substantive reply within the applicable time limit.

Yours sincerely,



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