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Dear Minister Delegate to European Affairs,

Dear Mr Ciamba,

During its upcoming Presidency, Romania will be presented with a very important role in European affairs, as many legislative dossiers are being finalised on inter-institutional level. One of the most pressing issues the EU is facing is the reduction of carbon footprint across different sectors in view of ultimately achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement. While other sectors have been reducing their footprint, emissions from transport have steadily been on the rise.¹

The right instruments to decarbonise Europe's transport sector exist in the form of the currently negotiated files from the Mobility Packages. To ensure a cost-effective path towards achieving their goals, significant and immediate deployment of zero-and low-emission vehicles will be needed at the beginning of the next decade. It has been commonly concluded, most recently by a [report](#) from the European Environmental Agency, that battery electric cars emit less over their entire life cycle when compared to petrol or diesel.

For this reason, the [members of the Platform for Electromobility](#) urge you to strongly prioritise the Revision of the Clean Vehicles Directive (2009/33), which sets targets for EU Member States to procure zero-emission vehicles for public use. The Clean Vehicles Directive would help creating a regulatory framework with ambitious procurement targets that will accelerate the deployment of electric vehicles and drive their price down – making them affordable to more cities and communities all across Europe.

What is more, this Directive has the potential to truly kick start a premium EU market for zero-emission transport where public authorities lead by example. Such move will clearly demonstrate the credibility of EU policy to citizens. In this sense, we are concerned with the delay on the Council's side to adopt its position on this file, especially given that Parliament's position has been already agreed upon in October.

Given the last two progress reports during the Bulgarian and Austrian Presidencies, there is a great opportunity to ensure the Directive leads to climate and health benefits, in a cost efficient way. Therefore, we believe that strongly committing the capacity of the Working Party towards adopting a quick position is essential and still feasible.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. We remain at your disposal for further clarifications.

Sincerely,

The members of the Platform for Electromobility

¹ <https://www.eea.europa.eu/themes/transport/term/term-briefing-2018>