Ms. Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission  
Mr. Frans Timmermans, Executive Vice-President for the European Green Deal  
Ms. Adina Vălean, Commissioner for Transport

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Companies call for a legislative initiative on corporate fleet in the EU

Dear President Von der Leyen,  
Dear Vice-President Timmermans,  
Dear Commissioner Vălean,  

Following our letter in February this year and the lack of progress on the matter, we would like to restate our support for zero emission purchase targets for corporate fleets as part of the upcoming Greening Corporate Fleet Initiative to be proposed by the Commission in October this year, as announced in the 2023 Commission work programme.

We believe that a corporate fleet mandate is an excellent tool to facilitate the uptake of zero emission vehicles in line with the confirmed Regulation (EU) 2023/851 on CO2 emission standards for cars and vans, thereby charting a clear pathway to the 2035 phase out date for internal combustion engine vehicles. It would accelerate the smooth transition to zero emission vehicles, reduce emission from the road transport sector and boost the second-hand market for zero emission cars. Furthermore, it will send an ever clearer signal that the EU is a key market for electric vehicles, boosting their supply to the bloc. This is particularly relevant following the UK announced Zero Emission Vehicle mandate which will be implemented as of January 2024, guaranteeing the necessary availability of zero emission vehicles on the UK market.

As members of EV100, representing the largest fleet operators in the EU, we are fully committed to the transition to a zero-emission transport system. A clear legislative tool, in the framework of corporate fleet mandate would mobilise all companies to transition their fleets at speed and scale, and ensure all stakeholders in the system move forward along a coordinated timeline. Therefore, we encourage you to start a legislative process for a greening corporate fleet initiative that would aim at electrifying all new cars and vans by 2035, in line with the Regulation (EU) 2023/851.

Alongside this measure, we welcome the ambitious targets agreed for public and private charging infrastructures in the Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Regulation (AFIR) and call for its timely implementation in Member States. This will be essential to boost the smooth rollout of electric vehicles.

We urge the European Commission not to miss the opportunity to speed up the decarbonisation of the road transport sector and at the same time guarantee supply of zero emission vehicles to the EU market.

Yours sincerely,
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