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Dear Dr Siebert,

On behalf of First Vice-President Timmermans, Vice-President Katainen, Commissioner Vella and Commissioner Arias Cañete I would like to thank you for your letter of 19 November 2015 outlining your recommendations for the Circular Economy Package. Please accept my apologies for the delay in replying to you.

As you may be aware, on 2 December 2015 the Commission tabled an ambitious Circular Economy Package consisting of an action plan and legislative proposals to amend existing EU waste directives (see for more information http://ec.europa.eu/environment/circular-economy/index_en.htm).

The proposal includes an amendment to Article 22 of the Waste Framework Directive 2008/98/EC to the effect that Member States shall ensure the separate collection of bio-waste where technically, environmentally and economically practicable. This modification, together with the proposed more ambitious targets for recycling and landfilling of municipal waste, would reinforce the contribution that bio-waste can make to achieving a more circular economy.

Moreover, the action plan announces the revision of the EU regulation on fertilisers in order to provide common EU standards for organic fertilisers from compost and digestate thus facilitating the use of bio-waste in the EU.

I would like to thank you for your interest in our work in the circular economy and welcome your support in taking it forward.

Yours sincerely,

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