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Madrid, 10 de enero de 2008

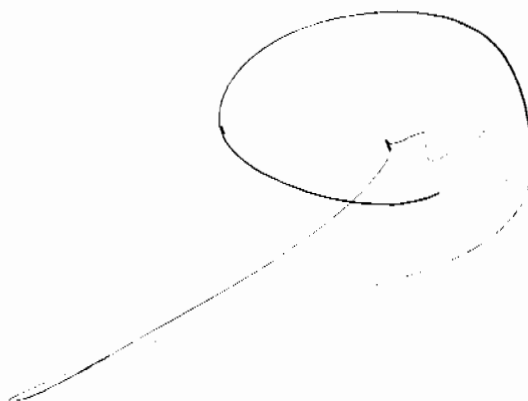
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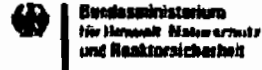
En relación con la próxima propuesta de Directiva sobre energías renovables, se adjunta carta que España y Alemania, con el apoyo de Eslovenia y Letonia, suscribimos en nombre de los miembros de la Cooperación Internacional Feed-in.

Una copia de esta carta se ha enviado, con esta misma fecha, a los Comisarios de Medio Ambiente, Empresa e Industria, Asuntos Económicos y Monetarios, Competencia, Mercado Interior y Servicios, Ciencia e Investigación, Comercio.

Aprovecho la ocasión para desearle un muy próspero año nuevo.

Atentamente,

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Dear Commissioner,

On behalf the members of the International Feed-In Cooperation Spain and Germany, supported by other countries, particularly Slovenia and Latvia, allow us once again to address our position regarding the upcoming proposal on the new Directive on renewable energies in the European Union and the related communication on 23rd January 2008.

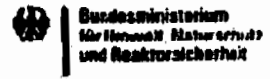
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In our letter of October 2007 and on various other occasions, Spain, Slovenia and Germany as well as other EU member states brought forward strong arguments against such an EU-wide harmonised system. Since so far, to our great disappointment, the Commission has not appeared to take these arguments into account, we would like to raise them once again:

- If member states have to achieve a national target, they need to have the means in their hands and they must not lose these means through an EU-wide scheme.
- Policies for the support of renewable energies have always been within the competence of member states and this should also be the principle in future.
- An EU-wide harmonised trading system of guarantees of origin (GO) between companies would lead to huge additional costs in countries with feed-in tariffs systems.
- It is contradictory to propose an EU-wide green certificate/GO scheme given that to date only 5 member states use that system in comparison to 18 member states with feed-in tariffs.
- It does not seem reasonable to spread to the whole EU a system that in general is less efficient in terms of renewable energy expansion and more expensive than feed-in tariff/premium systems.
- Such a radical shift of systems in many member states will lead to a severe disruption of markets and will thereby put the EU 20% target itself at risk.

We are aware that a flexible mechanism is needed to a certain degree to achieve the targets. There are several possibilities to allow a flexible achievement of the target, once relevant EU-wide minimum standards have been specified and the principle of subsidiarity is preserved, e.g. transfer between member states of renewable energy when the national (interim) target is exceeded.

But we would like to make very clear that a European trading regime, even if combined with a temporary phasing-in or opt-out clause, is not acceptable to us. The share of



renewables constitutes a significant and strategic part of our national energy and climate strategies. If our national support schemes are put at risk, we will not be able to meet our ambitious national climate goals. The EU, would consequently also miss its Kyoto commitments, not to mention the 20% renewables target.

Yours sincerely,

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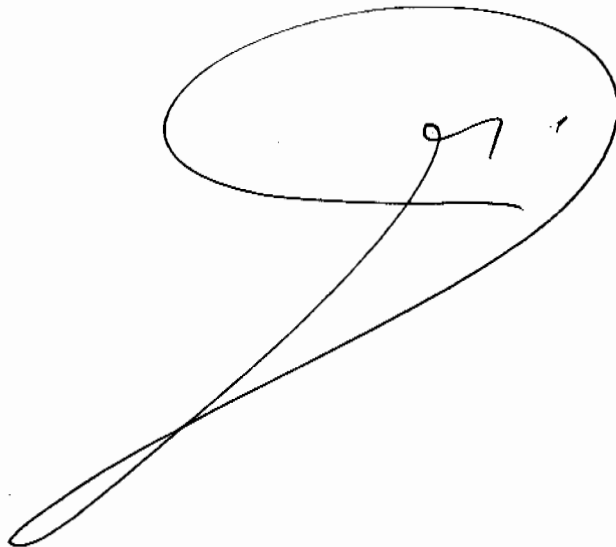
Sr. D. Günter Verheugen
Vicepresidente y Comisario de Empresa e Industria
Comisión Europea
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Querido Vicepresidente y Comisario,

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Recibe un cordial saludo,

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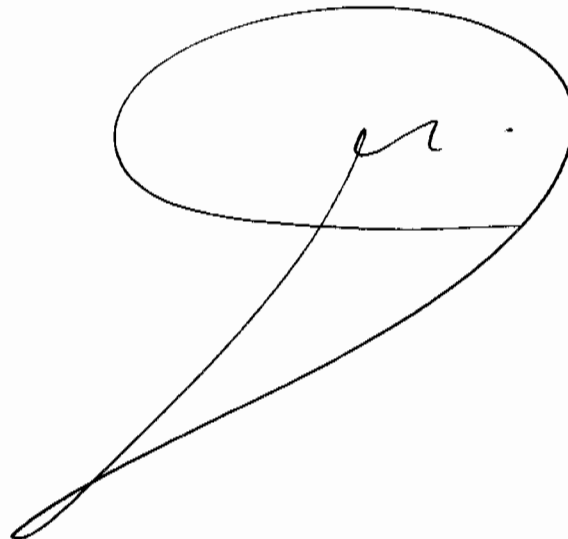
Sra. D^a Neelie Kroes
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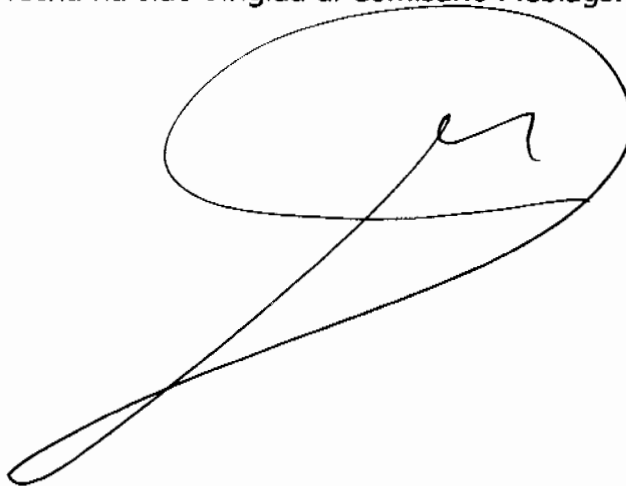
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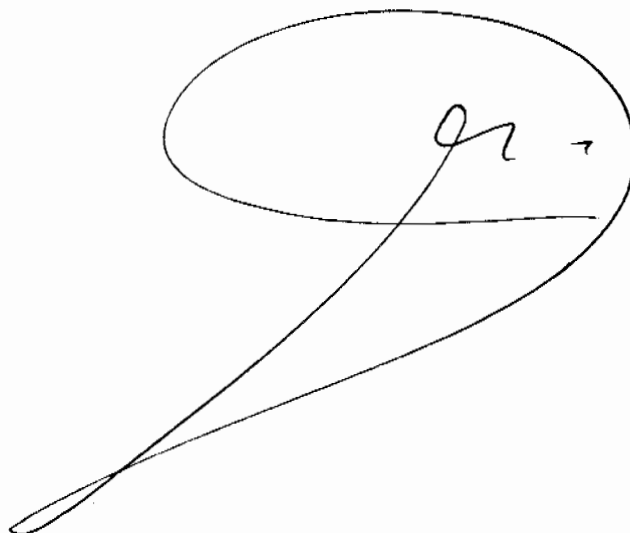
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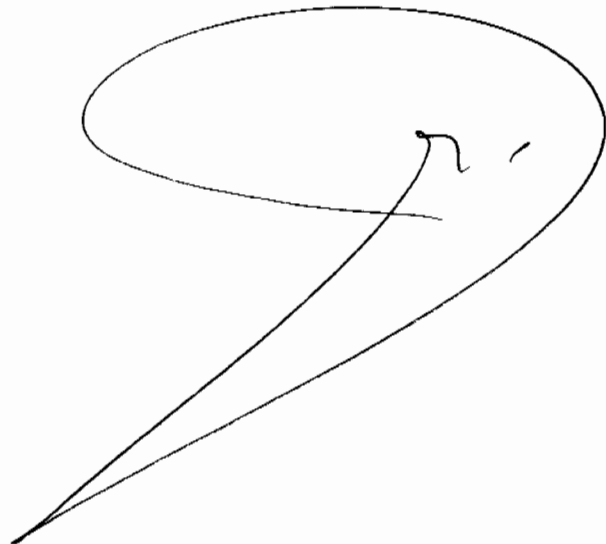
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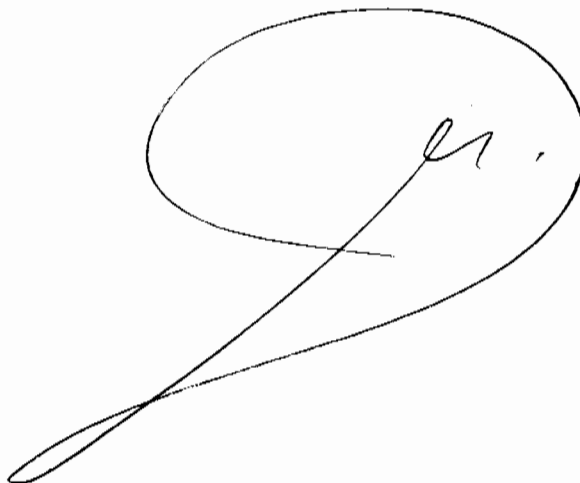
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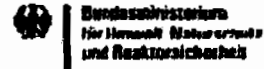
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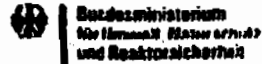
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