Green 10 A group of leading environmental NGOs active at EU level

President of the European Parliament Roberta Metsola

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Dear President Metsola,

We write to you today to congratulate you on your re-election as President of the European Parliament. As Europe's main environmental and climate citizens' organisations and NGOs networks, the Green10, we stand ready to work together to prioritise a green and just transition towards climate neutrality, zero pollution and thriving nature and health.

We would like to ask for a meeting with you at your earliest convenience to discuss the priorities for this new term in more detail. The Green 10 organisations, representing over 54 million supporters, are keen to exchange and collaborate with you to ensure a sustainable and equitable future for the benefit of all European citizens, global ecosystems and future generations.

This new EU cycle comes at a pivotal moment for Europe and the world. As the climate and nature crisis intensifies, the window for bold policy action is rapidly closing. Over the past five years, Europe has lived up to its position as a global leader in the transition, committing with the European Green Deal to become the world's first climate-neutral continent. Reflecting the voice of the European people, the Parliament has been central to this effort, relentlessly driving the Commission and the Council towards greater ambition. The European Parliament has long been a strong supporter of effective, transparent and timely public participation in policymaking. Now more than ever, those in power must protect and expand civic space, and take firm action against threats or breaches of the rule of law.

Today, this role is more critical than ever. The first plenary of the 10th parliamentary term has shown a majority dedicated to the continuation of the European Green Deal, recognizing that the gravity of the emergency does not allow for any pause or regression. At the same time, merely maintaining the current trajectory is insufficient: if Europe is to avert the most severe consequences of the climate crisis, the Parliament must drastically scale up its efforts, leaving no one behind.

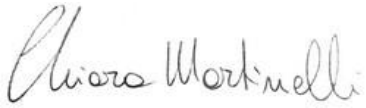
Despite talks of a green backlash, the people of Europe remain steadfast in demanding that the European Union address the climate and biodiversity emergency. The latest Eurobarometer shows that more than three-quarters of Europeans (78%) find that environmental issues have a direct effect on their daily lives and health. And more than four in five (84%) agree that EU legislation is necessary to protect the environment in their country.

Therefore, we call on you to put the climate, biodiversity and pollution emergency at the forefront of your tenure, steering the Parliament to tackle this crisis and building on the European Green Deal to accelerate the EU's transition towards a fossil-free, socially just, healthy and climate-neutral union.

We look forward to a constructive dialogue and we hope to meet you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

The Green10



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