

EUROPEAN COMMISSION Office of the President Ms Ursula von der Leyen

Trade Adviser

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Dear Ms Balbin,

President von der Leyen has asked me to thank you for your Joint Communication from Special Procedures, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on behalf of the Working Group, and kindly enclosing your concerns on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises.

We have taken note of the views expressed therein and the communication has been transmitted to the European Commission Directorate General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE). Our colleagues at DG SANTE are looking into the points you have raised and will respond to you rapidly.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your correspondence on this important issue and to extend to you my best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

[e-signed] Per Haugaard

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