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Dear All,

Thank you for your letter of 15 December 2020 concerning the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI) allocations.

The overall Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027 entered into force on 1 January 2021. Thanks to the commitment and engagement of the co-legislators, the EU should be able to deliver on its responsibilities to all stakeholders and partner countries after reaching a political agreement on the NDICI last December.

As agreed in the Multiannual Financial Framework, the NDICI will benefit from a reinforcement of EUR 1 billion from the reflows under the African Caribbean Pacific (ACP) Investment Facility from operations under the 9th, 10th and 11th European Development Funds. Following the Council Decision¹ of 23 December 2020 on the use of the reflows, they will constitute contributions to the NDICI in the form of external assigned revenues and will be implemented by the European Investment Bank under the governance of the European Fund for Sustainable Development (EFSD+), in full alignment with the 'policy first' principle. These reflows will be dedicated to ACP countries.

The response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the external relations challenges have both created several pressing needs and the NDICI must be able to respond in a comprehensive and flexible manner. The ongoing programming exercise will be key to defining our long-term strategy to ensure a sustainable recovery.

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¹ Council Decision (EU) 2020/2233.

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In this context, we greatly value your inputs and views and we will continue to engage with you and your partners at all levels. A significant part of the EU response will need to be carried out at country and regional level in order to ensure coherence and ownership; this is a key feature of the new instrument. The thematic pillar can also provide resources, including for action at global level, together with the rapid response pillar. In addition, the emerging priorities and challenges cushion is an important feature of the NDICI that can be used to top-up the three pillars when necessary, in light of any future needs.

Yours sincerely,



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