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Registry of the General Court of the European Union Rue du Fort Niedergrünewald L-2925 Luxembourg

## Subject: Case T-583/22 Fédération environnement durable Vdr-WmR e.a. v Commission

Ref: Letter of 9 March 2023, ref. 1114550

Dear Registrar,

The Commission acknowledges receipt of the reply in the present case through e-curia. The Commission takes note that the deadline for submitting the rejoinder will expire on Thursday 20 April 2023.

To prepare the rejoinder, the Legal Service is consulting several services (DG FISMA, DG ENV, DG CLIMA, DG ENER). This consultation process has proven to take a long time, which makes it very difficult to coordinate the analysis of the reply and to draft the rejoinder within the prescribed period. However, given the technical complexity of the case, it is particularly important to consult properly the relevant Commission services.

In addition, an urgent legislative package is to be reviewed by, in any event, one of the agents, which makes an adequate preparation of the Commission's rejoinder very problematic, the same agent also representing the Commission in a range of other cases with imminent deadlines for submissions (case T-523/22, case T-524/22, T-134/21, T-405/20 and T-424/20) as well as oral hearings (C-267/22, C-290/22, C-267/22 and C-340/22).

Therefore, in order to ensure an adequate defence in the present case, the Commission respectfully requests a limited extension of the deadline for lodging the Rejoinder until Friday 28 April 2023.

Sincerely yours,

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Agents of the Commission