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Dear all,

We would like to thank you again for our latest discussion around the content of the chemical action plan and the methodology surrounding the identification of strategic molecules/sites.

As you requested, and to circumvent the limitations of our previous approach at the level of molecules – despite its being validated by 7 other Member states, please find enclosed the five more general criteria that we suggest you to consider for strategic chemical productions in the EU.

To address the urgency of the major crisis faced by the chemical sector – hence the need for impactful short-term actions – we believe that these criteria should be put forward quite early on, starting with the “Chemical Action Plan” that you are currently drafting, alongside the other impactful competitiveness measures that we have already discussed.

We remain fully available to exchange and work with you and with the other Members states towards the best criteria to ensure that productions or sites deemed strategic for the European strategic autonomy are properly taken into account.

Using these criteria, Member States would be able to each deploy competitiveness measures at a national level, thus providing a first answer to the sector’s crisis. Support mechanisms would apply to strategic productions or sites identified on this basis by each Member state.

In addition, since our latest exchange, and to build up on the proposals from our non-paper, we would also like to elaborate on the topic of trade defense. We have already been working with DG Trade on a first wave of import monitoring for strategic chemicals enforced since March (Commission starts tracking imports of industrial chemicals rapidly filling the EU market - European Commission). We would suggest to connect this approach to the Chemical Action Plan, which could announce an expansion of this monitoring to more chemicals. To this end, we have identified a list of relevant CN codes that we would like to present you with.

Would you be available *at the end of this week* for a short call, so that we can present you with the list of molecules we would recommend placing under monitoring, as well as the methodology we have used ? Please feel free to provide us with some availabilities if any.

Thank you very much in advance, and looking forward to our further discussions,
Best regards,

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