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MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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Dear Ms Udovč, Dear Mr Polnar,

Thank you for your letter in which you refer to two important questions raised at the occasion of the Interparliamentary Conference on Stability, Economic Coordination and Governance in the European Union (SECG) of 28 September 2021. Let me also thank you for putting new own resources at the centre of your discussion.

As regards your first question on the introduction of new own resources, let me underline that the Commission remains determined to present an ambitious package of new own resources as agreed in the framework of the interinstitutional agreement of December 2020. The first package, initially planned in July 2021, will be adopted by the Commission by the end of this year. A second package will follow at the latest by 2024.

New revenues will be needed for the repayment of NextGenerationEU, as otherwise there will be a risk of an undue pressure on programme expenditure or investment instruments under the next Multiannual Financial Framework. At the same time, it is also desirable to introduce new own resources to mitigate the increases in the gross national income-based own resource for the Member States.

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As regards your second question on a possible EU wide digital tax, the Commission welcomes the G20 historic agreement of 10 July 2021 and intends to support its finalisation. This agreement will create a more stable and fairer international tax system for all the sectors of the economy. Consequently, the Commission has put on hold its proposal for a digital levy during this period.

The OECD/G20 Inclusive Framework is now due to address the remaining issues and finalise the design elements, together with a detailed implementation plan. Accordingly, the Commission is committed to present a balanced own resource package, which will take into account the game-changing progress at OECD/G20 level.

Yours sincerely,

(e-signed)
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