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Ministry of the Environment and Energy Sweden

Minister for Climate and the Environment, Deputy Prime Minister Åsa Romson Directorate General for Health and Food Safety Commissioner Vytenis Andriukaitis

Directorate General for Environment Commissioner Karmenu Vella

Dear Mr Andriukaitis and Mr Vella,

As you are aware the General Court has delivered its judgement in case T-521/14 Sweden vs. Commission. The court has declared that the European Commission has breached EU law by failing to adopt delegated acts concerning the specification of scientific criteria for the determination of endocrine-disrupting properties.

The Court concludes that criteria for the determination of endocrine disrupting properties shall be based on science relating to the endocrine system only and not on economic considerations. The Court further concludes that the impact assessment carried out by the Commission does not exonerate the Commission from complying with the deadline set for the adoption of the delegated act.

The Commission is now required to take the necessary measures in order to comply with the judgment.

I was therefore disappointed by the initial statement of the Commission, that you will continue the work on the impact assessment and that you cannot provide any information on when the delegated acts will be adopted.

I expect that the Commission will take the measures necessary to comply with the treaties and to meet the legitimate expectation of citizens that the EU will protect human health and the environment against the threat of endocrine disruptors.

Yours sincerely,

Asa Romson

Minister for Climate and the Environment,

Deputy Prime Minister