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Office of the President Ms Ursula von der Leyen

Head of Cabinet

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Dear Ms Van Dÿck,

Thank you for your e-mail of 14 December concerning G20 Women20 EU Delegation. The G20 agenda on gender equality is of great importance for the EU and we strongly support the work of the W20.

G20 engagement groups are intended to represent civil society, so we believe it is important that they maintain a certain degree of independence from the official G20 members to fully play their role. Nonetheless, we welcome your proposal to better structure and formalise the EU delegation to the W20. This would allow ensuring its long-term functioning and would make it easier for the EU G20 leaders to identify the interlocutors in the future.

In my capacity as EU G20 Sherpa, I would be happy to exchange views with you and your delegation, at an opportune moment, to ensure that the recommendations of the W20 are adequately reflected in the Summit's deliverables next year. Our G20 Sherpa Assistants (Messrs [Xavier COGET](#) and [Mirco TOMASI](#)) are also available to provide further information on the G20 process and the EU priorities.

I look forward to a fruitful collaboration with the W20 under the G20 Italian Presidency, and thank you in advance for your efforts in this group.

Yours sincerely,



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