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**Subject: Energy Council on 11 June – Clean Energy Package**

Dear Energy- and Climate Minister Lars Christian Lilleholt,

During the Energy Council on 11 June in Luxembourg, you will discuss the Clean Energy Package files that are in the final stage of ‘trilogue’ negotiations: the Renewable Energy Directive (RED), the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED) and the Governance Regulation.

This meeting provides a unique opportunity to match words and deeds, showing your support for a strong 2030 climate and energy policy framework which will ensure that the benefits of renewable energy and energy efficiency materialise for Europe and its citizens.

To keep global temperature increases well below 2°C and aiming for 1.5°C, as laid down in the Paris Agreement, the European Union needs to rapidly shift to a safer, energy efficient and more equitable economy powered by renewable energy, based on sound planning to 2050 and with people placed at the heart of the future energy system.

Denmark should join forces with the most progressive Member States such as France, Sweden and Luxembourg, and support their call for higher ambition in all the files of the Package that are currently under discussion, thereby making the case for the need to scale up action in line with the Paris climate goals.

Climate Action Network (CAN) Europe has been calling for binding targets of at least 45% renewable energy and 40% energy efficiency, which should be backed by a robust Governance framework and implementing policies ensuring that all EU Member States contribute to delivering these targets. Ambition on both targets and measures must be reflected across the package, as one cannot deliver the transition without the other.

If the Council is serious about EU leadership, it must move away from its current weak position towards supporting European policies that work for its people and the climate. Only such a credible Clean Energy Package will enable the EU to accelerate the energy transition and deliver on its commitments under the Paris Agreement.

We look forward to following your discussions during the upcoming Energy Council.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'W. Trio', written over a horizontal line.

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