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Commissioner Marianne Thyssen
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31 March 2015

Dear Commissioner Thyssen,

Statement by the European Chemical Employers Group (ECEG) and industriAll European Trade Union on the scope of the Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee for the European Chemical Industry

We are writing you in connection with the scope of the Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee for the European Chemical Industry.

Having in mind:

- that the Joint Declaration between the ECEG and the European Mine, Chemical and Energy Workers Federation (EMCEF) (since 2012 industriAll Europe) on the establishment of a formalised Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee (SSDC) for the European Chemical Industry was signed on 4 December 2002 in order to contribute to the creation of a favourable climate for the competitiveness of the sector and the employment in the industry and in order to develop the social dimension of Europe;
- that the 2002 Joint Declaration does not further specify the NACE codes of the economic activities falling under the scope of the to be created SSDC for the "chemical industry"; that it can be understood that the then intended scope corresponds to NACE (Rev. 2) code 20 (Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products);
- that the representativeness study conducted by Eurofound in 2014 showed that most of the members of both the ECEG and industriAll Europe cover not only the economic activities covered by NACE (Rev. 2) code 20, but also by codes NACE 21 (Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and pharmaceutical preparations) and NACE 22 (Manufacture of rubber and plastic products);

- that the said representativeness study confirmed that industriAll Europe (for the employees) and the ECEG (for the employers) ought to be regarded as the most important EU-wide representatives of the employers and employees within the chemical sector, including for the economic activities covered by NACE codes 21 and 22;

in accordance with the Commission decision of 20 May 1998 "on the establishment of Sectoral Dialogue Committees promoting the Dialogue between the social partners at European level", the ECEG and industriAll Europe are happy to announce their joint request to formally enlarge the scope of the Sector Social Dialogue Committee for the European Chemical Industry to include both "Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and pharmaceutical preparations" and "Manufacture of rubber and plastic products".

We are looking forward to a positive reply and remain available for additional information or any questions.

Sincerely,



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