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The Directors-General

Brussels, ENV.B2/PK

Ms Genon K. Jensen Spokesperson on behalf of the EDC-Free Europe Coalition Executive Director, Health and Environment Alliance e-mail: genon@env-health.org

Dear Ms Jensen,

Thank you for your letter of 13 October 2022 drawing on behalf of the EDC-Free Europe coalition the attention of President von der Leyen, to delivering the targeted revisions of REACH and CLP regulations with no further delay. The President has asked us to reply on her behalf.

We appreciate your support for the European Green Deal and the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability and would like to reassure you that our determination to work towards a toxicfree environment remains unchanged and the Commission stands by its commitment to revise the chemicals legislation.

We are pleased to let you know that on 19 December 2022, the Commission adopted a delegated act introducing criteria in CLP for endocrine disruptors, amongst other hazard classes. On the same day, the Commission also adopted a legislative proposal to further revise the CLP Regulation.

As announced in the Commission work programme for 2023<sup>1</sup>, we will propose a targeted revision of the REACH Regulation with the aim of securing European competitive advantages and innovation by promoting sustainable chemicals, simplifying and streamlining the regulatory process, reducing burden and protecting human health and the environment. The revision of this important piece of legislation requires thorough preparation and consultation, in order to ensure that it is developed in a way that achieves those aims.

We are currently finalising the impact assessment and the consultations with key stakeholders and are preparing the legislative proposal, which, when ready, will be presented to the European Parliament and the Council.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>Commission work programme 2023 | European Commission (europa.eu)</u>

While the preparatory work on the targeted revision of the REACH Regulation is ongoing, the Commission keeps working to ensure chemical safety including from endocrine disruptors through strict implementation of the current rules, notably in accordance with the restrictions roadmap published in April 2022, and also through the other actions announced in the Chemicals Strategy.

Once again, thank you for your support to the Chemical Strategy for Sustainability.

Yours sincerely,

Electronically signed

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