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Dear ,

Executive Vice-President Timmermans has asked me to thank you for your email on behalf of the Endocrine Society and for the press statement regarding endocrine disruptors and the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability.

As mentioned in your press statement the European Commission recently adopted the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability. One of its main pillars concerns endocrine disruptors, including improving the respective legislative framework.

Among the key actions is the establishment of a legally binding hazard identification of endocrine disruptors, based on the definition of the WHO, across all legislation. We are already working together with Member State experts towards a proposal to include this identification of endocrine disruptors under the Classification, Labelling and Packaging of chemicals (CLP) Regulation.

In parallel, we are also working on a proposal to ensure that additional information to be required under the REACH Registration process will allow the identification of substances as endocrine disruptors. We will also review and strengthen information requirements across legislation (e.g. cosmetic products, food contact materials, plant protection products and biocidal products) to allow the identification of endocrine disruptors in relevant legislations.

The timeline of the different actions is available in the Annex to the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability. In particular, in 2021 the Commission will make a proposal to add endocrine disruptors to the CLP Regulation. Regarding the update of data requirements in the REACH Regulation, the Commission will make a proposal in 2022.

For further details on the different actions, and to contribute to the elaboration of our different proposals, I encourage you to contact the Directorate-General for Environment.

Yours sincerely,

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