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Sustaining Europe for a long way ahead – Bordeaux Declaration

Mister President, dear Mister Sarkozy!

In these difficult times for the citizens of Europe and their political and business leaders you probably receive a lot of advice from many people and organisations. It so happened that the European national advisory councils on environment and sustainable development met in October in Bordeaux to discuss the relation between the actual situation and their ideas about long term perspectives. In the preparation phase of that annual meeting they elaborated a policy statement "Sustaining Europe for a long way ahead." This paper that I send with this letter was finalised before the financial crisis showed itself. That is why we in our Bordeaux meeting came to a declaration that tries to relate our thoughts on the long term with the crisis at hand. This so called Bordeaux Declaration is attached to this letter. It combines the worries of many people on the climate and other long term environmental concerns with suggestions for sustainable solutions for the present financial problems. We as members of advisory councils feel supported not only by the comments of the European Commission's President Barroso, but also by the statements on these issues by President elect Obama in his acceptance speech. We hope that our declaration and statement will be helpful in making the decisions of the European Council wise and sustainable.

Yours sincerely,



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