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The Commission shares the view of your committees that a regional approach can be particularly useful at this stage. The development of regional infrastructure will support progress towards effective European networks. This is why regional cooperation is a strong element in the third package for the liberalisation of the internal energy market. This is the reason why we put forward energy security priorities in the Green Paper and the second Strategic Review which, although of European benefit, draw strongly from regional cooperation.

The public consultation on the Green Paper is helping us to foresee what the EU role can be in the future. The Commission is putting the development of energy infrastructures at the top of the EU agenda over the coming years.

We attach a great importance to have proper tools to anticipate our need for energy supplies in the future. On gas import needs, uncertainty is inevitable, as demonstrated by our scenario analyses, and the ongoing economic crisis is introducing additional uncertainty. Therefore we will pay close attention to updating our scenario analyses. In addition, we are preparing a Communication on gas supplies focusing on import infrastructures, which we aim to adopt in the coming months. Along with this, the Commission will propose new legislation on security of gas supply to deal with urgent supply crises.

On cogeneration and heat infrastructure, we have also taken note of your arguments. As put forward in the second Strategic Review, energy efficiency is paramount for our

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http://ec.europa.eu/energy/consultations/index_en.htm.

Please note that the same letter will be transmitted to Mr Kirk, Chairman of Energy Committee.

Yours sincerely

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Vice-President of the European Commission



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