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Please note that the same letter will be transmitted to Mr Schmidt, Chairman of the Trade and Industry Committee.

Yours sincerely

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