Subject: The Europe We Want: Just, Sustainable, Democratic and Inclusive.

Dear President Juncker,

Building on our call for ‘A New Europe for People, Planet and Prosperity for All’ (September 2016), signed by 177 organisations, we are seizing the opportunity of the 60th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome to reaffirm our belief in European integration and to offer concrete proposals for the EU Heads of State and Government as they consider the future of Europe.

As the Commission is preparing its own contribution to this debate through its White Paper, we call on you to show leadership, vision and courage to set Europe on the path to a sustainable future which realises the rights of all people and respects planetary boundaries.

There is an urgent need for the European Union and its institutions to reconnect with the realities, dreams and hopes of its citizens if the long-term relevance and survival of our Union are to be secured. Now is the time to rethink the direction in which we are travelling, build on our achievements and lay the foundations for the next 60 years of European integration.

We expect you, as the President of the European Commission, to have the courage and the vision to lead the transition to a just, sustainable, democratic and inclusive Europe. We expect you to listen to the people of Europe and to use the occasion of the Rome Summit to invite EU heads of State and government to adopt a strong, joint commitment for a better, more sustainable future for Europe.
We wish to thank you in advance for your attention and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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