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NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES

Subject: Request to reconfirm or nominate Member States' governmental experts to the Commission Expert Group on the Competitiveness of the Rail Supply Industry

As you may know, in 2018 the European Commission set up an expert group ('the group') on the competitiveness of the Rail Supply Industry ('RSI'). The original mandate of the group, expired at the end of 2022, was subsequently extended until 31 December 2025.

The group is composed of up to 60 members, including governmental experts nominated by Member States as well as experts representing relevant organisations selected through a public call for applications. The terms of reference of the group are enclosed in Annex I to this note.

The group's overall mission is to assist and advise the Commission in promoting the competitiveness of the EU RSI. The group shall identify and evaluate the challenges faced by the RSI, and discuss how to maintain its global leadership, strengthen the resilience of the industry and facilitate its twin transition, in line with the new EU industrial strategy.

Against this background, we would like to invite you to nominate (or reconfirm) one governmental expert to represent your member state in the group. The names, CVs and details (administration, position, email, telephone) of the nominated experts should be sent by 28 April 2024 at the latest by email to: <u>GROW-I2-MEETINGS@ec.europa.eu</u> with cc to <u>Estelle.bacconnier@ec.europa.eu</u> and <u>Dario.bazargan@ec.europa.eu</u>

The next meeting of the group is scheduled for **28 May 2024** (**14.00-1730**) and will be held online. The official invitation and agenda will be sent to the Expert Group Members.

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Enclosed:

- Annex 1- Terms of Reference of the Commission RSI Expert Group
- Annex II- Privacy Statement