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Dear Ms Schweng,

I would like to thank you for your letter of 15 April and for sharing the declaration of the seventh meeting of the EU-Africa Economic and Social Stakeholders' Network, hosted by the European Economic and Social Committee.

The conclusions of the meeting provide a timely contribution to our discussions with EU Member States and African partners in preparation of the next EU-AU Summit, for which it is also our objective to strengthen further the multi-stakeholder dimension of our partnership.

The recovery from the COVID-19 crisis, the green transition and the African Continental Free Trade Area remain priorities for the upcoming Summit and we have already stepped up our cooperation with African partners in these areas.

In the coming months, we will also increase the outreach to economic and social stakeholders in order to ensure that their respective views are taken properly into account in the preparation of the Summit.

Yours faithfully,

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