

To Mr. Makoto Uchida, President and Chief Executive Officer of Nissan

Copy to Mr. Thierry Breton, European Commissioner for Internal Market

Dear Mr. Uchida,

We have known from the Spanish Ministry of Industry, Trade & Tourism, Mrs. Reyes Maroto, about the mutual conversations with Nissan Motor regarding the situation of your current manufacturing plant in Barcelona (Spain).

As Members of the European Parliament, we would like to point out some considerations on that topic that may be of your interest.

The European Union is a market with a potential demand of 15.3 million registered vehicles per year. At the same time, 20% of the future growth for the sector is to occur in the European Union marketplace, a demand driven by hybrid and electrical vehicles, which will be a key component of the European Green Deal.

The automotive industry development in hybrid and electrical vehicles is considered a priority sector within the European Union. The turnover generated by the automotive sector represents 7% of the EU's total GDP and more than 13.8 million jobs in the sector are to be preserved at the same time new models are assigned to EU OEM's facilities.

It is in that sense that we want to express our support to the continuation of your company's activity in Barcelona. Nissan's Spanish manufacturing operations are the only ones of your ownership in a European Union country, and they constitute a competitive and flexible platform to address the European Union market as a whole.

We can assure you that we shall do our best efforts to ensure the European Union does its best to support Nissan's operations in Spain, contributing to create value and jobs in Europe. This commitment is even stronger with regards to the current post-pandemic scenario.

Wishing you and your company the best in the next future in Europe, please accept, Sir, the expression of our best regards.

Yours sincerely,

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