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Dear Executive Vice-President Dombrovskis

I am writing to you to share the Scottish Government's progress over the past year in the pursuit of the targets of the Europe 2020 strategy.

Given the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the Scottish Government's priority is, of course, supporting our citizens, health service and businesses through this difficult time. This year we will not be formally publishing our own report, however we have contributed to the UK's National Reform Programme outlining the steps that we have taken to promote smart, sustainable and inclusive growth in Scotland.

I am however pleased to annex to this letter a more detailed summary of the policies and measures the Scottish Government has been taking, along with our partners, to realise the ambitions of the Europe 2020 strategy, demonstrating Scotland's continued commitment to the European Union. Indeed, our recently published strategy, [The European Union's Strategic Agenda for 2020-24: Scotland's Perspective](#), demonstrates the Scottish Government and EU's common values of internationalism and consensus, both of which are critical in tackling the current global crisis.

In this regard Europe 2020's objectives could not be more relevant as we now strive to overcome the effects of the pandemic and the economic challenges we will face in this new decade. Irrespective of the UK Government's decision to leave, Scotland will continue to work in close partnership and solidarity with the EU to support smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, to protect the current and future prosperity of all our citizens.

I hope that you find the contents of this letter useful in looking forward to our continuing close engagement. I am copying this letter to Commissioner Paolo Gentiloni.

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