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**to the Commission**

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Subject: Endocrine-disrupting chemicals: the Commission's comprehensive framework and review report of the Cosmetics Regulation

On 7 November 2018, the Commission published its communication ‘Towards a comprehensive European Union framework on endocrine disruptors’, with a view to updating the Community Strategy from 1999, together with its much-delayed review report of the Cosmetics Regulation ((EC) No 1223/2009) with regard to substances with endocrine-disrupting properties.

Regrettably, both initiatives fail to ensure a sufficient level of horizontal protection for citizens’ health and the environment from the exposure of endocrine-disrupting chemicals (EDCs). Instead of proposing concrete measures within a clear timeframe that would deliver the required horizontal protection from EDCs across EU legislation, all that the communication promises is another Fitness Check. There are also inconsistencies between the communication and the review report insofar as cosmetics are concerned.

1. When will the Commission present an action plan containing a concrete timetable with effective measures for the proposals outlined in the communication?

2. Why is the review report not mentioned in the communication, despite cosmetics being identified as a priority area?

3. Why is it that the review report states that no legislation change is required for cosmetics, while the communication concludes that the Fitness Check will pay ‘particular attention to those areas where legislation does not contain specific provisions for endocrine disruptors’ such as cosmetics?