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Dear Ms Besozzi, Dear all signatories organisations,

Thank you for your letter dated of 18 June 2020 on measures for Europe's recovery after the COVID-19 crisis, addressed to President Michel by civil society organisations. I can assure you that the concerns and suggestions it contained have been brought to the President's attention.

During the video conference of the members of the European Council of 19 June 2020, EU leaders discussed the proposal for a new Recovery Instrument and for the Multiannual Financial Framework for 2021-2027, presented by the European Commission on 27 May 2020. President Michel has immediately started negotiations with all Member States' leaders, and has convened an in-person summit on 17-18 July aiming at a global compromise.

President Michel is aware that it is essential to take a decision as soon as possible, and that the contribution of civil society organisations to the debate on recovery is most valuable.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation for the role that civil society organisations play in solidarity actions and promoting dialogue.

Yours sincerely,

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