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Dear Madam/Sir,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about EU GPP (green public procurement) criteria developments done by the European Commission and to ask for and encourage the involvement of public authorities from your country in these processes.

As you might be aware the European Commission is supporting Member States in their efforts to green their purchasing by developing EU GPP criteria for priority product, works and service groups such as construction, office equipment, transport, etc. The 19 groups where GPP criteria have been developed so far can be found at the European Commission's website on GPP.¹ The development of these criteria is done through the involvement of a wide range of stakeholders including industry, NGOs and public authorities. We are keen to ensure that the interest and expertise of all these groups are properly represented.

The criteria development specifically requires expertise on the methods and practices of public procurement in EU Member States on all levels of government. Therefore, the European Commission would like to ask and encourage all public authorities, and specifically the relevant organizations from your country through this letter, to participate actively in the criteria development process. We believe that input from public authorities that oversee or practice public procurement in Member States would greatly help us to develop criteria that are better tailored for the needs and expectations of public procurers and would, in turn, ensure a higher take-up.

In the Annex of this letter you find a table that lists the ongoing and planned criteria development processes on different products and their target date. More details on these activities can be found on the website of the Product Bureau of the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission.²

I would like to ask you to pass this letter to any other public authorities in your country that you believe would be interested in this matter. Those who wish to get involved in the development of one or several of these criteria should indicate their intent to my

¹ http://ec.europa.eu/environment/gpp/eu_gpp_criteria_en.htm

² http://susproc.jrc.ec.europa.eu/product_bureau/projects.html

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participation (provision of written comments, participation in stakeholder meetings, etc.).

I would like to thank you for your interest and I hope that you will be able to engage with
us in this work.

Yours faithfully,



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C.c. Members of the EU GPP Advisory Group

Annex 1.

EU GPP criteria development work programme for 2013

Product group	Status	Target completion date
Office Buildings	In progress	Mid 2013
Imaging equipment	In progress	Mid 2013
Electrical Equipment used in the Health Sector*	In progress	End 2013
Indoor/ outdoor paints and varnishes	In progress	Early 2013
Textiles	In progress	Early 2013
Windows and doors	In progress	Early 2013
Office lighting	In progress	Mid 2013
Computers and laptops	Not started	End 2013
Roads	Not started	End 2013
Furniture	Not started	End 2013

