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Deputy Secretary-General - Chief Operating Officer

Brussels,  
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Dear Mr Vlandas and Mr Schneider,

Many thanks for your letter on issues relating to the management of the EUIPO.

As you know, the Commission values the social dialogue and the wellbeing of the EU staff and considers it of vital importance and follows these matters also in EU decentralised agencies.

However, as you are aware, EU decentralised agencies are autonomous bodies independent of the Commission, and questions relating to staff matters concerning agencies should be addressed directly to the agencies themselves.

I understand that a meeting between Ms Carney, Chairperson of the EUIPO Staff Committee, and Mr Hanski, Chairperson of the EUIPO Management Board, is scheduled for 28 March 2023 to discuss the issues raised in your letter. The Commission trusts that this meeting will allow for appropriate exchanges and clarifications in these matters.

As member of the Management Board of the EUIPO and in the context of its continuous working relations with the agency, the Commission will continue to follow the developments in the EUIPO.

Yours sincerely,

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