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Dear Mr Popescu,

Thank you for your letter of 10 July 2008 informing me about the outcome of the international conference on the EU non-energy mining industry held in Bucharest last May and outlining a number of conclusions in relation to the need for a European strategy in this area.

I can assure you that I attach the highest importance to these issues which will be the subject of a Communication which I intend to propose to the Commission for adoption in the autumn.

I am writing in similar terms to Mr Iancu.

Yours sincerely,

