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**Déclarations à la presse en visioconférence
de Bruno Le Maire, d'Olaf Scholz, de Nadia Calviño et de Daniele Franco
à l'occasion du dépôt formel de leur PNRR à la Commission européenne**

**Déclaration de Bruno Le Maire,
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Guten morgen Olaf,

buenos dias Nadia,

buongiorno Daniele,

I am very proud and very happy to present today our national recovery plan together with my three friends.

It is clearly, as Olaf said, a decisive step. Our citizens are waiting to be saved from the impact from the worst crisis since 1929. They are also waiting for more growth, more prosperity, more jobs. These are the purpose of the European recovery plans.

These plans reflect an increased cooperation between member states. They will deliver a meaningful stimulus that will offer a timely support to our economies.

With the European recovery plan, the four of us are funding joint cooperation in the form of important projects of common interest in key technologies such as hydrogen, cloud, electronics and telecommunications, artificial intelligence and batteries. Indeed, our goal is to strengthen innovation throughout Europe to be more independent and more sovereign.

Innovation is pivotal for our economies. It is also key to design the technologies that will allow us to fight efficiently against climate change. In that regard, the political responsibility of the member states and the commission is now to make the European recovery plan a concrete reality as soon as possible for our citizens.

We are therefore calling on member states to submit their recovery and resilience plans and ratify the own resources decision as soon as possible.

This is vital for the European Union to raise funds and start paying out the first euros of the European recovery plan. In this regard, it is very encouraging to see that many member states are working hard in the same spirit to present their plans in the coming days.

In addition, we are also calling on the European Commission to assess the plans without delay so that they can be approved by the council in July at the latest. This will allow the money to flow before the end of the summer.

Behind this recovery plan, the question for Europe is eventually to determine the role it wants to play in the 21st century. Either we stay in the technological and economic race or we will be in second league.

We have all the assets to be successful. A single market with more than 400 million of citizens, a world class capacity of innovation thanks to our universities, common values, cultures and a history. There are good reasons to be optimistic and determined about Europe and our common future. We have in our hands the possibility to improve the quality of life of our citizens. We have in our hands the possibility to shape the 21st century together with the US and with China.

I am so very happy that today with Olaf, Nadia and Daniele, we present together our national recovery plans to the commission. It is the clear symbol of the European solidarity that we are calling for.