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**NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF  
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**Subject: What can we learn from the "Dieselgate" scandal?**

Dear colleagues,

I am in the process of visiting all Directorates-General of the Commission in order to exchange views with both staff and senior management on current challenges, policy priority and the new structure of the Juncker Commission.

In this capacity, I very much appreciated the opportunity to get a better understanding of the work carried out by JRC personnel and their important contribution to the political priorities of the Commission during my recent visit to the JRC headquarters. Our fruitful exchanges confirmed the already positive feedback I have received from internal and external stakeholders on the high quality of the work of JRC personnel.

As you know, the Commission has responded strongly to the car emission scandal by promoting investigations and speeding up on-going legislative work. JRC personnel have played an essential role in this work, which is not only critical for reinstating consumer trust in the automotive sector but also for strengthening the underlying regulatory framework. The car emission scandal has also demonstrated the importance of evidence-based policy development and effective monitoring and implementation systems in line with our better regulation principles.

I fully trust that the JRC will continue its work in implementing the JRC Strategy 2030 as an essential part of the Commission's policy-making processes, supporting and pro-actively working with all Commission services to ensure that our legislation and spending programmes perform effectively and remain fit for purpose. In doing so breaking down silos across the Commission will be critical if we are to make a real difference on the big economic and social challenges. I am very confident that JRC personnel will make an important contribution in this regard.

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