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Wil dit straks sturen. Laat weten als jullie nog iets willen toevoegen of als er iets onhandigs in staat. Laatste zin ben ik niet zeker over: weet niet of/hoe sustainability nu in de guidelines staat?

Dear [redacted] (and team),

My colleague, [redacted], has suggested that I reach out to you personally to explain that unfortunately, due to a unusual heavy workload, the ACM is not in a position to complete the survey on this occasion. In any case, we have limited experience with the main topic of the survey, R&D and specialisation agreements, and so we don't have many useful insights to share. The same applies to commercialization agreements. The prevailing guidance on restrictions 'by object' in relation to information exchange is sufficiently clear and adequate in our view, and as far as we are concerned the scope remains limited to current and future prices and other parameters of competition. As regards purchasing agreements, we are currently working on a couple of cases that we are about to bring a close, but they are as yet confidential. As you are no doubt aware, we would welcome additional/updated guidance on sustainability initiatives as part of the guidelines.

Hopefully we can be of more help next time. Best of luck in taking this forward.

Kind regards,

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