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**Members of the Extended Producer Responsibility Alliance (EXPRA) have elected the Board of Directors for the next two years and Mr. Claude Turping, CEO of Valorlux, as the President of EXPRA**

**Brussels, 26 April 2023** – During its General Assembly meeting celebrating the Organization’s 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, EXPRA, the alliance of 32 Producer Responsibility Organizations for packaging that work on a non-for-profit basis, has **elected its Board of Directors enlarging its number to 11 for the 2021-2023 mandate.**

**Mr. Claude Turping, CEO of Valorlux**, Luxemburg was appointed EXPRA’s new President. Mr. Turping has been CEO of Valorlux since March 2016. Prior to this, he worked in Société Nationale de Contrôle Technique Luxemburg and the metal Industry. In becoming EXPRA’s new President, he succeeds Mr. Oscar Martin Riva, former CEO of Ecoembes, Spain.

The General Assembly re-elected the current EXPRA’s nine Board members and approved the extension with 2 more members to reflect the growth of the Alliance’s members from 11 at the beginning to 32 in 2023. They will be in charge for the next two-year term and represent Valorlux (Luxemburg), Avfalfonds (The Netherlands), EKO KOM (Czech Republic), CONAI (Italy), GreenPak (Malta) Green Dot Norway (Norway), Fost Plus (Belgium), Ecoembes (Spain) and the two new members - EEQ (Canada) and ECOPACK (Bulgaria). The Board of ten is completed by EXPRA’s Managing Director Joachim Quoden.

EXPRA’s new President, Claude Turping noted: *“The coming period is especially important with the packaging waste and EPR legislation for the next decades being shaped at this very moment, bringing numerous challenges, but also new opportunities for Producer Responsibility Organisations as key player in new framework is being shaped for the EPR of the future. New targets and responsibilities, coupled with stronger collaboration among stakeholders, will make packaging EPR a cornerstone of the circular economy and Climate neutrality. I hope that we will be able to achieve this and more, and would like to thank my predecessor, President Mr. Óscar Martín Riva, for the remarkable work that was achieved during his tenure”.*

Mr. Óscar Martín Riva thanked for the kind words and the great support from all EXPRA members during his Presidency saying: *“I had the honor but also the responsibility to lead EXPRA during times when new EU policies regarding our core activities were being shaped. I am happy to pass on the torch to my friend and colleague Claude Turping, CEO of Valorlux who is committed to support our organization and members in ensuring that the EU’s circular economy measures have a positive impact on the climate under the right enabling conditions.*

The Managing Director of EXPRA, Joachim Quoden, added: *“Over the next two years, a new framework for packaging waste management and EPR systems will be designed across all Member States. We have to help each other in meeting these challenges and at the same time, we have to strengthen EPR systems and make them future-proof as per our vision for 2035 by ensuring that all packaging put on the market is circular. We must also ensure appropriate infrastructure for EU citizens so that they are able to sort their packaging easily”.*

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