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Subject: Cab Vestager meeting with the Danish Agriculture and Food Council ('Landbrug & Fødevarer'), 2/12/2021

Participants:

Danish Agriculture and Food Council: [REDACTED]

Cab Vestager: Alina-Stefania Ujupan

SG: [REDACTED]

The Danish Agriculture and Food Council (DAFC) had asked for the meeting in order to discuss upcoming initiatives on carbon farming and carbon removal certification. The following main points were made by DAFC:

- Expressed support for carbon farming as a business model, and underlined the importance it could have for greening the agricultural sector and meeting the objectives of the European Green Deal.
- Underlined the importance of working towards a market-based approach to carbon farming. Expectation that European farmers (COPA) would support a market based-approach. A focus only on subsidies and incentives would not create a market of scale.
- Called for a broad definition of carbon farming practices to be applied, meaning that not only management of land but also 'on farm practices', such as feed additives and nitrification inhibitors, should be included.
- Explained that the use of biochar was an important practice in Danish farming, and found that the practice should be included in the upcoming framework for carbon removal certification.

The cabinet took good note of the points made and encouraged DAFC to also engage with the cabinet of Executive Vice-President Timmermans.