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Directorate-General for Agriculture & Rural Development  
For the attention of Mr. Ph. Hogan, Commissioner  
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Dear Mr. Hogan, dear Phil,

During our discussions at various occasions, you invited me and Wageningen University & Research (WUR) to reflect on issues of food and agriculture that face the European Commission and its member states.

As you will remember, I shared with you a first document on the CAP entitled 'Towards a Common Agricultural and Food Policy', that was first presented during the Mansholt Lecture in September 2016. Since then, we have worked on an elaboration of the area of food and food policy. I am delighted to send you now the first of two documents, a policy document 'Food transitions 2030' in which we reflect on how to achieve the transitions towards a sustainable, affordable, reliable and high-quality food system in the next decades that fulfils the needs of a diverse and growing population.

We hope that this policy document could provide a basis for discussions with the European Commission and national experts, including the private sector and civil society.

As a start, we have decided to dedicate the next Mansholt lecture, on Wednesday September 20 in Brussels, to this subject. As you know, the Mansholt lectures are organised by WUR to discuss European policy and issues in the domain of food, agriculture and sustainable livelihoods.

This second Mansholt lecture will focus on European food policy & research. The publication 'Food transition 2030' will be presented as well as a second policy document titled from WUR 'Towards a European Food and Nutrition policy' which will be sent to you shortly. After the brief presentations, a Forum is envisaged to discuss European food policy & research, with experts from the commission, industry and science.
It is my pleasure to invite your staff to attend the Mansholt lecture.

I trust these documents will provide a useful input to your debates on the future of European food and agriculture. I look forward to spending time with you again and to reassure you of our long-term commitment to the European agenda. Please do not hesitate to reach out if there is anything I can do for you.

Best personal wishes,

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