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Cc: Copa-Cogeca Meeting - 24 10 2022 - Short Report
Attachments: Copa Coeca key points on deforestation.pdf

Dear colleagues,

On October 24, __________ and I had a 40-minute meeting with __________ Copa and Cogeca, an organization representing EU farmers and agri-cooperatives. The organization had shared a very detailed position paper with suggested compromise amendments ahead of the meeting (attached.) __________ had personally met with negotiators of Council and EP __________ and was well aware of ongoing discussions.

Some of the main points raised:

1. **On scope,** Copa-Cogeca is not opposed to including rubber, but wants definitely to keep maize out (out of concern for local producers.) They also advocate (as the EP does) for including poultry, pig and sheeps from the beginning, although Neagu seemed to understand potential concerns related to lack of evidence in favor in the Impact Assessment. The organisation is afraid the Regulation will increase the price of soy feed, which is used to raise chicken and pig, but will not affect imports of poultry and pig from abroad, which could still be fed with soy coming from deforested areas.

2. **On degradation,** they totally support the position of the Council.

3. **On geolocation,** __________ said that they had a vibrant internal debate, with some sectors willing strict traceability and others opposing it. Among the first, there is cattle producers, who want to see the same internal EU rules applied for imports. Among the second, EU forest owners and soy importers. Their paper advocates for a flexible definition of producing area decoupled from the plot of land.

Best regards,

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